

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CONGRATULATING MS. ALICIA FOX

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chester County resident Alicia Fox on her installation as Governor of the Northeast Potomac District of Pilot International.

Alicia has earned the promotion to this distinguished post with more than 22 years of dedicated service to her community and a faithful commitment to the mission of Pilot International.

Admired by peers in the Pilot Club of Valley Forge for her willingness to provide countless hours of volunteer service, Alicia has taught 4H students the craft of sewing, started and supervised an after-school program for local elementary school students and served several years on the board of a local Boy Scout Troop.

She also has selflessly served her church by teaching Sunday school, preparing children for sacraments, caring for the linens and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Alicia will become Governor of the Northeast Potomac District during a ceremony on May 3, 2009.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Alicia Fox on this tremendous achievement and recognizing her outstanding volunteer spirit and drive to improve the quality of life in her community.

### FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

Statistics are handed out on this floor like candy. Because numbers are often passed off as nothing more than empty words, we fail to recognize how staggering they are. For instance, smoking-related diseases cause an estimated 440,000 American deaths each year. Smoking costs the United States over \$150 billion annually in health care costs. And a 2004 study by the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion found that cigarette smoke contains over 4,800 chemicals, 69 of which are known to cause cancer.

Ninety percent of adult smokers are addicted to tobacco before they reach the age of 18; 50 percent before the age of 14. Currently the average age of initiation to tobacco is 11.

48 million adults smoke in the U.S., which is 22.9 percent of the population overall, and 33 percent of youth currently smoke.

To be quiet honest Madam Speaker, these statistics are more than staggering—they are atrocious.

It was Irving Selikoff, a medical researcher who co-discovered a cure for tuberculosis who said, "Statistics are real people with the tears wiped away."

Those real people are our parents and children, our family and friends, who suffer the consequences of addiction to tobacco. I want my children to grow up healthy and to make healthy decisions. To help that happen, H.R. 256 will put in place the proper authority for the Food and Drug Administration to establish regulations over tobacco products. We need the FDA to protect our population from the harmful effects of cigarettes and tobacco products by being able to provide sound, scientific regulations governing these products.

Even with all the warnings, and the money spent on education campaigns, kids are still picking up smoking at the alarming rate of 3,000 a day in the United States.

The health concerns that will face these children are costly, painful, and deadly. But they are also ultimately preventable.

I ask my colleagues to please pass H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

### TRIBUTE TO CAROL LAFLEUR

#### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the inspirational story of Carol LaFleur, a resident of Brooklyn Park, MN who changed her life and is now working to change others' lives for the better as well. Mrs. LaFleur has experienced a great deal of hardship throughout her life, but after discovering the gift of education, she completely turned her life around.

Mrs. LaFleur uses her life experiences to guide others and advocate for education. In her time outside of the classroom, she speaks and mentors on issues of mental health, sexual abuse, and disability. In addition, she volunteers for these and multiple other causes. She sets a great example for all Americans, giving her time without asking for anything back.

In addition to all of her accomplishments and hours of volunteerism, she has found an outlet in writing about her experiences. She has been honored by the Arts in Recovery Program, who chose her essay to be in its exhibit booth online and at the St. Paul Art Crawl.

Madam Speaker, Carol LaFleur is an inspiration, a positive influence for so many who need hope, and a true public servant. She is a great example of the enduring American spirit.

### HONORING MAITLAND KEILER OF SUMTER COUNTY

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Maitland Keiler, one of my accomplished constituents who dedicated his life to improving health services in his community and beyond.

Mr. Keiler was born in 1933 in Royal, Florida to Will and Melbira Keiler. In the early 1970's, he moved to Apopka, Florida where he earned a living picking oranges. He then met four Catholic sisters who had worked to found a health clinic for farmers and migrant workers in the area, the West Orange Farmer's Clinic. Working with the sisters and at the clinic began a new chapter in Mr. Keiler's life. He eventually became one of the first African-Americans appointed to serve on the board of the West Orange Farmer's Clinic.

Wishing to bring similar services to his community which was also in dire need, Mr. Keiler approached Mr. Ellery Gray, director of the West Orange Clinic, about opening a clinic in Sumter County. In collaboration with the county, Mr. Grey and Mr. Keiler succeeded in opening "Project Health" in 1974. Once a simple, modest clinic, Project Health is today the Thomas E. Langley Medical Center. The Center has expanded to more than 41,000 square feet of combined medical, dental, behavioral health, radiology, pharmacy and administrative services.

Madam Speaker, men and women like Maitland Keiler are the ones truly making a difference in their communities because of their passion and their drive. Mr. Keiler's story should serve as an inspiration to others, and I am proud to know that one of my constituents worked so hard to make his dream a reality and the lives of his fellow citizens better and healthier.

### HONORING DR. ELSA GESKUS

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated educator whose outstanding leadership and guidance has prepared countless teachers for rewarding classroom careers. Dr. Elsa Geskus will be retiring from Kutztown University in Berks County, Pennsylvania after serving the last 12 years as Chairwoman of the Elementary Education Department. She has earned the respect of her fellow faculty members for excellent leadership, scholarship and service.

Colleagues also praised Dr. Geskus for securing national accreditation for the Department and authoring an accreditation report

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used as a model for colleges and universities throughout the country by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Another highlight of her tenure at Kutztown was establishing the Philadelphia Masters in Elementary Education Graduate Program. This program helped 64 Philadelphia teachers obtain master degrees from Kutztown and led to developing similar programs for teachers in Reading and Allentown.

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Geskus was active in several national organizations, including the Middle States Steering Committee, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the College of Education.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the distinguished career of Dr. Elsa Geskus and all who commit themselves to teaching others.

#### HONORING THE 11 WOMEN EMISSARIES OF MEMPHIS MUSIC

##### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor and recognize 11 truly inspirational women who have each played a part in making the music of Memphis world renown. Memphis's music heritage has been called the "soundtrack of America" and these talented artists deserve our thanks and are extremely justified in the recognition bestowed on them today by the Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission.

The esteemed emissaries are Jo Bridges, Joyce Cobb, Jackie Johnson, Susan Marshall, Judy Peiser, Di Anne Price, Reba Russell, Linn Sittler, Pat Kerr Tigrett, Deanie Parker and Ruby Wilson.

Tennessee is the home of country and blues music and the birthplace of the "rock and roll." We are also proud of the thousands of singers, songwriters, performers, producers, and other music industry professionals that make their homes and livelihood within the state and allow Tennessee to compete with New York and California as a hub of creativity and entertainment.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in both thanking and congratulating the new Emissaries of Memphis Music for their dedication and devotion for enriching our lives with wonderful sound and music. These 11 women are truly worthy recipients of this outstanding honor.

#### CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY OILERS ON WINNING THE 2009 NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

##### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Findlay Oilers on the occasion of their winning the 2009 NCAA Division II men's basketball championship. The Oilers defeated the Cal

Poly Pomona Broncos for the championship on Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Oilers ended their perfect 36-0 season in overtime when senior guard Tyler Evans hit a fade-away three-point shot as time expired, clinching the university's first ever basketball title. With this win, the Oilers become only the fourth perfect championship team in Division II men's basketball history. The Oilers are also the most winning team in Division II of the past decade, with a record of 238-46.

I would also like to congratulate Head Coach Ron Niekamp and his coaching staff for their outstanding commitment to Oilers basketball. Coach Niekamp was named the 2009 Molten Division II Bulletin Coach of the Year. In addition, senior forward Josh Bostic was named the 2009 Division II Player of the Year.

I am honored to join the chorus of well-wishers as the University of Findlay and the broader community celebrates this remarkable achievement. I join with my colleagues in wishing them all continued success.

#### REGARDING DUTCH AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY

##### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 227th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and the United States of America.

On the 19th of April, 1782 in the City of The Hague, the Ambassadorial credentials of John Adams were officially recognized by Prince William V of Orange, thus establishing formal diplomatic ties between the new Government of the United States and the Republic of the Netherlands.

For centuries, the people of the Netherlands and the United States have shared a bond that has influenced the culture of our two nations and contributed to our mutual prosperity.

In September, we will celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage up what would become known as the Hudson River in New York. Hudson's voyage led to the establishment of New Amsterdam and the New Netherlands colony. Celebrations commemorating this important event have already begun.

As we reflect today on the commercial bond and strategic partnership we have established with the people of the Netherlands over these many years, let us not forget how the strength of our alliance and the endurance of our friendship has helped make both our countries wealthy and stronger and the world more secure as a result.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE VOLUNTEER MEDICAL SERVICES CORPS

##### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an ambulance corps that is

celebrating 65 years of faithfully serving communities in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Volunteer Medical Services Corps of Lower Merion, Narberth, Conshohocken and West Conshohocken provides critical care services in a 49 square-mile area and responds to more than 7,200 calls for help each year.

The dedicated and highly-skilled first responders stand ready to answer calls at all hours, in the sweltering heat of summer and the frigid depths of winter, and on some of suburban Philadelphia's most heavily traveled highways, including the Schuylkill Expressway and the Blue Route.

Since its founding in 1944, Volunteer Medical Services Corps has remained true to its mission of providing the highest quality care to each patient its members transport with compassion and dignity.

The Corps owes a large measure of its success to more than 70 volunteers who selflessly give approximately 8,000 hours of service each year.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Volunteer Medical Services Corps of Lower Merion, Narberth, Conshohocken and West Conshohocken on its 65th anniversary and acknowledging the tremendous commitment and service of its volunteers and professional staff.

##### RYAN JAMES

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan James, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Ryan has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning several merit badges. Ryan demonstrated a tremendous work ethic in earning his personal merit badge by incorporating his own lawn mowing business.

Ryan's Eagle Scout service project consisted of painting the kitchen and fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church in Maryville, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan James for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC.

##### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (LA NHS), a non-

profit lender and community developer dedicated to building stronger neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Incorporated in 1984, LA NHS has catapulted itself from a small housing agency to the largest, non-profit affordable homeownership provider in Southern California. LA NHS focuses on specific target neighborhoods in Los Angeles County. In addition to the Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles areas in the 34th Congressional District, the organization targets Central Los Angeles, Crenshaw, Pacoima, San Pedro-Wilmington and Carson.

Over the last 25 years, LA NHS has reinvested more than \$2 billion into neighborhoods throughout the county and region. The organization has developed and rehabilitated more than 11,000 housing and commercial units, put 1.9 million families on the road to homeownership, created 175 block clubs, and employed 200 neighborhood youth. As a lender to underserved communities, LA NHS has maintained a loan portfolio with a 3 percent or less delinquency ratio and no foreclosures.

Since 2007, LA NHS, along with its partners through the Los Angeles County NeighborWorks® Center for Foreclosure Solutions, has been on the frontline of the mortgage crisis. The LA NHS 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner Concert & Silent Auction, scheduled for April 30, 2009, will commemorate the partners that have worked tirelessly to keep families in their homes in the midst of this crisis.

As a Community Development Financial Institution during the last fiscal year, Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services working with its affiliates, NHS Neighborhood Redevelopment Corporation and NHS Neighborhood Lending Services, reinvested nearly \$97 million into Los Angeles neighborhoods, providing nearly \$70 million in loans to local residents to improve housing conditions, create homeownership opportunities, and combat predatory lending. In addition, during that time, LA NHS reinvested more than \$9.8 million through real estate services and \$1.5 million through neighborhood revitalization projects.

Through aggressive foreclosure prevention efforts, LA NHS assisted more than 59,000 families over the last fiscal year to preserve their homes and prevent foreclosure. This ongoing multi-faceted initiative includes post-purchase education fairs, clinics and workshops, affordable lending, loan modifications, comprehensive loss mitigation initiatives, and other LA NHS programs.

I had the privilege of seeing firsthand the extraordinarily helpful services provided by LA NHS to residents of the 34th Congressional District. Last July, more than 500 homeowners attended a LA NHS organized-foreclosure prevention fair in the City of Downey. Credit counselors and lenders were on hand at the free event to offer on-site assistance, one-on-one counseling, and information on viable options to avoid foreclosure. Housing, tax and financial professionals also provided presentations to help homeowners understand the foreclosure process, guard against fraud and scams, address tax issues and rebuild their credit. Representatives from the LA County NeighborWorks Center for Foreclosure Solutions, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and area banks also participated in the workshop.

LA NHS credits the tremendous efforts of its community volunteers during the last fiscal

year for the success of its outreach efforts, including the Downey foreclosure prevention fair. More than 800 volunteers spent more than 6,400 hours participating in the LA NHS sponsored foreclosure prevention fairs, clinics, workshops, and Neighborhood Pride Day events. The two Pride Day events involved more than 400 volunteers who gave their time and labor to refurbish homes and plant flowers in underserved neighborhoods. In total during the last fiscal year, these community outreach events assisted more than 10,000 families to preserve their homes and prevent foreclosure.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. 25th Anniversary, I join today with fellow leaders from throughout the state in recognizing President and Chief Executive Officer Lori Gay, Board Chairman Sal Mendoza, the Board of Directors, and the organization's 40 employees for their tireless work to help families throughout Los Angeles County. I extend my thanks on behalf of the residents of the 34th Congressional District for their passion and determination to revitalize communities, build stronger neighborhoods and help families of modest means actualize their dream of homeownership, and I wish them many years of continued success.

HONORING MAYOR TONY ARREDIA  
OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant from my Congressional District, Mayor Tony Arredia of Des Plaines. After nine years as Mayor, Tony has decided to retire.

Tony was born and raised on the west side of Chicago, and he attended Mount Carmel High School. In the private sector, Tony brought his talents and relational skills to bear as he worked for Continental Bank and the Asbury Court Retirement Community.

In his first experience with elected public office, Tony served two terms as the 8th Ward Alderman of Des Plaines. Then, in 2000, Tony was appointed to replace Mayor Paul Jung. Over the years, Tony has been an insightful observer, keen in his understanding of the long-term challenges facing the City. Throughout his career, he has tackled these challenges with deft skill, deep understanding, and strong personal integrity.

While constant change has brought a steady stream of new difficulties for Des Plaines to confront, one thing has remained the same. Mayor Arredia has kept a steady hand to the wheel, advising the City Council and working tirelessly for the benefit of the community and her residents.

Tony Arredia has been an advocate for the people of Des Plaines since his very first days in office. Tony truly embodies the meaning of a public servant as he approaches his job with compassion and humility. In his time with the City, he has shown true leadership to bring economic development to the area and to achieve important progress in flood preparedness and relief. Tony has improved all of our lives and left an indelible impression on the City of Des Plaines.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Tony Arredia is a remarkable leader who has dedicated his life to serving the people of Des Plaines. Please join me in recognizing his extraordinary service and wishing him every happiness in the well deserved respite of his retirement.

IN HONOR OF COACH BRUCE  
SNYDER

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary and inspirational life of Coach Bruce Snyder. Diagnosed with cancer just last year, Coach Snyder passed away early in the morning on Monday, April 13, 2009. He was 69 years old.

Coach Snyder will always be remembered for his many successes as the head football coach at Arizona State University from 1992–2000, and before that at the University of California. Under his leadership, the Sun Devils won 58 games and made four bowl appearances. More than 40 of Coach Snyder's players were drafted into the NFL, and he produced over 100 All-Pac-10 honorees.

ASU alumni the world over remember the magical 1996 season. Bruce Snyder coached the Sun Devils to one of their best seasons in history, going 11–1, upsetting many highly ranked championship teams, and coming heartbreakingly close to a NCAA national championship. He was named Coach of the Year, an honor that could not have been more appropriate.

Coach Snyder's time at ASU is incredibly impressive, and has certainly left a lasting impression on me. But the ultimate record of his work lies in the positive and lasting impact he has made upon the hearts and minds of the people he touched. Players, family and friends recall Coach Snyder as a man of tremendous personal integrity, culture and caring for those around him. He imparted life lessons on his players that went far beyond the field. As one former player so aptly put it upon learning of Coach Snyder's passing, "He was a good coach, but a better man."

Madam Speaker, please join me and Bruce's wife and children in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of Bruce Snyder.

RECOGNIZING DR. RUTH PERSON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on April 17 the University of Michigan-Flint will install Dr. Ruth Person as their new chancellor. The inaugural ceremony and a public reception will be held on campus that day to celebrate this event.

Dr. Ruth Person received her bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, and her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She also earned a master's

degree in administration from George Washington University School of Business and Public Management. She also attended the Harvard University Institute of Educational Management.

Prior to coming to the University of Michigan-Flint, Dr. Person was the Chancellor of Indiana University at Kokomo; and she was Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of Business Administration at Angelo University in San Angelo, Texas. She has also held positions as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, dean of the college of Library Science at Clarion University in Pennsylvania, associate dean and faculty member of the School of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America. She was an American Council on Education Fellow and served as chief academic officer with the Arizona Board of Regents. Dr. Person is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, Beta Phi Mu, Pi Lambda Theta, Psi Chi, Kappa Delta Pi, Beta Gamma Sigma and is listed in a number of Who's Who publications. The University of Michigan Board of Regents approved her appointment as Chancellor of the Flint campus on June 19, 2008.

Madam Speaker, under Dr. Person's leadership, the University of Michigan-Flint is a vibrant, expanding campus of 7,200 students. The faculty, staff and students are integrating the academic and urban landscapes to develop a unique, unparalleled educational experience. Her vision of the campus-community synergy promises to enhance the quality of life for everyone involved and Dr. Person is guiding the school to be a cornerstone of development and revitalization in the Flint of tomorrow. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in welcoming her to this position and wish her the best as she shapes our future leaders.

HONORING THOMAS KILLIAN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Killian upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol after twenty-seven years of service. Mr. Killian officially retired on February 13, 2009.

As a young man Mr. Killian joined the United States Marine Corps and served with honor for three years. Upon leaving the Marines he decided to join the California Highway Patrol (CHP); he reported to the CHP Academy in Sacramento for training as a cadet in May 1982. Five months later he graduated from the academy and was immediately promoted to traffic officer in the San Jose Area Office.

During his twenty seven years with the CHP Mr. Killian has held a variety of positions. While in San Jose he was a Field Training Officer; training many young officers who have gone on to have great careers. He was also assigned to the Golden Gate Dignitary Protection Team, where he provided security to former President Ronald Reagan, former Secretary of State George Shultz and many foreign dignitaries. In October 1985 he was transferred to the Modesto Area Office and remained there until his retirement.

In the Modesto Area Office, Mr. Killian was involved in establishing the Modesto CHP Explorer Post in 1991. He continued to mentor the young members, many of which have become law enforcement officers, until the Post disbanded in 2006. He was also the first of two officers assigned to develop a new program in the Modesto area known as "Community Policing." This program provided Mr. Killian the opportunity to serve the smaller communities in Stanislaus County and become personally involved with the people in those communities. In November 2000, Mr. Killian became the Public Information Officer for the Modesto area. He remained in this position until his retirement in February.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Thomas Killian upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Killian many years of continued success.

### BILLBOARDS AS "WANTED" POSTERS

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, in 2006, I brought to the attention of the House of Representatives the use of billboards as "wanted" posters. Since then, donated billboards have become a common tool for law enforcement, including the new digital billboards that can be changed quickly via computer.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been a pioneer in the use of digital billboards to help apprehend suspected criminals. After initial success in Philadelphia, the FBI has been using digital billboards across the country. To date, 18 fugitives have been apprehended because they were featured on these high-tech "wanted" signs.

On March 20, 2009, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller presented a 2008 Director's Community Leadership Award to Clear Channel Outdoor, Lamar Advertising, Adams Outdoor Advertising and the Outdoor Advertising Association of Georgia. Together, these entities provide access to more than 1,000 digital billboards to the FBI.

Director Mueller said to those receiving the awards: "Whatever the motivation—an unfilled need, a tragic occurrence, a desire to give back—these are people who make things happen and enlist others in their cause. They are activists who have earned their prestige through good works."

The FBI cites these cases:

On November 12, 2008, Richard Franklin Wiggins, Jr., was arrested for money laundering and for ties to a drug trafficking organization—just three weeks after both Lamar Advertising and Adams Outdoor ran his image on their digital billboards in the Norfolk, Virginia area. Wiggins reportedly turned himself in at the insistence of his family and friends.

On October 24, 2008, Walter Haskell was arrested for an armed robbery in New Jersey that he had committed several months earlier. After the robbery, he fled to Minnesota. His image was plastered on digital billboards across the state, generating tips that led to his apprehension. "If we have a crack at over a quarter-million people seeing that photo every day, then we have a very good chance

at catching the person we're after," said Special Agent Sean Quinn, a spokesman for the FBI in Newark. "The exposure gets us started."

On November 9, 2008, Christopher Ellis was apprehended for a multi-state crime spree that included a bank robbery in Kentucky, a kidnapping and carjacking in Georgia, and a home invasion in Tennessee. Our partners placed a photo of Ellis and the truck he was driving on billboards in multiple states across the region. The publicity generated by the digital billboards contributed to a larger campaign which generated the tip that led to his arrest.

As I pointed out in 2006, "wanted" posters are part of American history, including the pictures I saw in the United States Post Office growing up in Chisholm, MN. The success story of "wanted" billboards—and the recent recognition from the FBI—serves to remind us that outdoor advertising is a significant medium of communication.

Madam Speaker, I close with a summation that appears on the website of the FBI: "Long story short: the billboards are working and working well. And that means a safer America for all."

### INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS EDUCATION EQUITY ACT

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, our nation is currently experiencing a shortage of child and adolescent mental health professionals. This means that many children and adolescents are not getting the care they need, forcing some families to travel great distances or wait on long waiting lists for their child to receive the mental health services they need. Enhancing the mental health workforce is critical to addressing this problem.

In 1980, the Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee recommended that the number of child and adolescent psychiatrists be increased by 8,000 to 10,000 by 1990, in order to meet the projected needs for treatment of child mental disorders. In 1990, the Council of Graduate Medical Education reported that the nation would need more than 30,000 child and adolescent psychiatrists by 2000. Yet in 2009, there are only 7,000 child and adolescent psychiatrists practicing nationwide, and few are located in medically underserved, rural and urban areas. The U.S. Bureau of Health Professions projects that the number of child and adolescent psychiatrists will increase by about 30 percent to 8,312 by 2020, if funding and recruitment remain stable. This is still far less than the estimated number needed to meet the demand.

Today, I am introducing legislation in an effort to address this crisis. The Children's Hospitals Education Equity Act would allow children's psychiatric hospitals to qualify for Medicare Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding, giving these vital hospitals more of the resources they need to care for our nation's children and adolescents. Current law excludes children's psychiatric hospitals from receiving funding that is used to cover the expense of educating residents, including time attending doctors spend training

residents, space and other administrative costs, and equipment use.

The legislation I am introducing today would expand the definition of a "children's hospital" to include certain children's psychiatric hospitals, thus giving them the essential resources they need to build the supply of trained child and adolescent psychiatrists, to advance the quality of training for child psychiatrists, and to provide care for some of our nation's most vulnerable children and adolescents. This change is essential in order to improve the quality of mental health care our children receive.

I thus urge your swift full consideration of this legislation.

CONGRATULATING CIARA  
PETRONZIO ON HER PRUDEN-  
TIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY  
AWARD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ciara Petronzio, recipient of the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This award recognizes Ciara's outstanding leadership achievements and her contributions to improving the conditions of sick and abused animals in Arizona.

Ciara has volunteered for Rescue A Golden, an organization devoted to rescuing and providing care to golden retrievers left homeless in Arizona. She has helped ensure that a countless number of golden retrievers have been given the love and attention that they have lacked throughout their short lives. By taking the dogs on walks and giving them their needed medication, Ciara has truly made a difference in their lives.

Her passion for helping animals began at an early age as her family lost a valued member of their family when they had to put their dog to sleep. Her enthusiasm and excitement has made it possible for sheltered dogs to receive the necessary care and help that they require.

A community's quality of life is determined by many factors, such as the policies set by city government and the programs available to its citizens. However, I believe that a community rises and falls on the shoulders of its citizens, and the contributions they make to that community. Ciara exemplifies this commitment and raises the bar for everyone around her.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ciara Petronzio's continued work and advocacy for sick and abused golden retrievers in Arizona.

HONORING THE MTA LONG ISLAND  
RAIL ROAD

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MTA Long Island Rail Road, LIRR, for 175 years of service to Long Island and the surrounding metropolitan area. As a subsidiary of New

York State's Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the LIRR has been an essential component to the development of Long Island communities and has served as a gateway into the economic growth of the region.

Chartered in 1834, the LIRR continues to be the oldest railroad in the United States still operating under its original name. Connecting communities stretching from Montauk, on the east end of Long Island, to Penn Station, in the heart of Manhattan, the LIRR serves 124 stations in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan; and with 700 miles of track on 11 different branches, the Long Island railroad is the busiest commuter railroad in North America, serving over 87 million customers annually.

Throughout its 175 years, the LIRR has been a vital component of the New York metropolitan region's transportation infrastructure, leading to the development of the Long Island communities it serves. Without the LIRR trains, more than 100,000 additional cars would use the roads into New York City each weekday.

Madam Speaker it is my pleasure to acknowledge and thank the Long Island Rail Road and wish them the best of luck in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GIUSEPPE  
PETROSINO

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Lt. Detective Giuseppe Petrosino on the 100th anniversary of his death. Lt. Detective Petrosino was a pioneer in the fight against organized crime, and was the first New York City Police officer to be killed on foreign soil.

An emigrant from Padula, Italy, Petrosino joined the New York City Police Department on October 18, 1883. His relentless pursuit of gangsters and the mafia garnered him the reputation of "the Detective in the Derby." Petrosino was the architect of many programs designed to combat organized crime. These programs, including the Bomb Squad, the Canine Squad, and the Undercover Squad, are all techniques that are still used today.

In 1895, Theodore Roosevelt, who at the time was the police commissioner of New York City, promoted Petrosino to Detective Sergeant in charge of the department's Homicide Division. He became the first Italian-American to lead this division. In 1908, he was promoted to Lieutenant and headed the Italian Squad, which was an elite corps of Italian-American detectives organized to deal with gangster criminal activities.

Lt. Detective Petrosino's service with the Italian Squad was exemplary. In one instance, Petrosino countered a blackmail attempt on the life of the famous Italian tenor, Enrico Caruso. In another instance, Petrosino infiltrated the Italian based anarchist organization that assassinated King Umberto I of Italy. During this mission, he discovered evidence that the organization intended to assassinate President William McKinley during his trip to Buffalo. Petrosino's warning to the Secret Service went unheeded, and President McKinley was tragically assassinated.

Lt. Detective Petrosino's service led him to Italy on a top secret mission. Petrosino's commendable career came to a tragic end, when he was murdered while waiting for who he thought was an informant.

The day of his burial in New York City was declared a holiday to allow citizens to pay their respects. The Manhattan funeral was attended by 250,000 people, a true testament to the honorable service Petrosino paid his community.

On this anniversary of his passing, I remember and applaud the dedication with which Lt. Detective Petrosino protected the citizens of New York. I am proud to honor him today.

HONORING RICHARD A. BERMAN

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Richard A. Berman, the tenth President of Manhattanville College located in Purchase, New York.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Richard Berman has spent his career serving his community at the federal, state, and local levels. Before joining Manhattanville College, Mr. Berman served as executive vice president of the New York University Medical Center and was appointed to 2 New York State cabinet positions by Governor Hugh Carey.

In 1995, Manhattanville College was in financial trouble. Unable to meet its obligations and running annual shortfalls triple the size of its endowment, the college's buildings were in disarray and low enrollment left dormitories half empty. Under Richard Berman's passionate and pragmatic leadership, the college has more than doubled its enrollment, balanced its books, and earned top-tier recognition in college ranking guides.

In a 2003 article entitled "The Man Who Turned Manhattanville Around," The New York Times recognized Richard Berman as a driving force behind the revitalization of Manhattanville College. Within a decade, the college was transformed from a failing institution into a thriving, top-rated undergraduate liberal arts college committed to offering its students a rigorous academic experience within a nurturing and diverse environment. Later this year, Richard Berman will retire from Manhattanville College, leaving it a stronger and more sustainable institution than he found it.

Never one to limit his efforts to his local community, Richard Berman has projected his passion for peace and mutual understanding around the world. As chairman of the board of Seeds of Peace, he has worked to empower young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills to work toward reconciliation and lasting peace. He has also provided strategic planning and leadership training at Kabale University in Africa, the only secular university in Uganda's Western Region.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize my friend Richard A. Berman for his remarkable service as president of Manhattanville College and his lifelong commitment to enriching the lives of others. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his tremendous accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MARK PHILLIPS ON HIS PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Phillips, recipient of the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This award recognizes Mark's outstanding leadership achievements and his contributions to improving the quality of life for special-needs children in Arizona.

Mark founded the Red Nose Club, a community service organization devoted to raising awareness and opportunities for children with serious illnesses. Through his efforts, Mark has helped raise over \$21,000 for local food banks and hospitals to provide care for sick children.

His passion for helping others began at an early age. His brother was born with a serious heart ailment and Mark has been a champion for children with similar illnesses. His enthusiasm and excitement has spread throughout the state with creative projects that have made it possible for sick children to receive the necessary care and help that they require.

A community's quality of life is determined by many factors, such as the policies set by city government and the programs available to its citizens. However, I believe that a community rises and falls on the shoulders of its citizens, and the contributions they make to that community. Mark exemplifies this commitment and raises the bar for everyone around him.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mark Phillips' continued work and advocacy for children with serious illnesses in Arizona.

HONORING ASSISTANT CHIEF GREGORY A. BULANOW OF THE NORTH CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one my constituents in South Carolina, Assistant Chief Gregory A. Bulanow of the North Charleston Fire Department, for successfully completing the Executive Fire Officer Program, or EFOP, on February 27th of this year.

The EFOP is an intensive program designed to give senior fire officers a broad perspective on various aspects of fire administration by providing them with knowledge that they can to apply during emergency situations that occur in their own communities.

It is no small feat to complete such a program, as it is made up of four extensive courses, stretching over a span of years.

As an ardent supporter of all of our nation's fire fighters and emergency personnel, I speak for the people of Charleston and the surrounding areas in saying that we are lucky to have well trained and skilled individuals like Assistant Chief Bulanow looking out for us every day.

I commend Assistant Chief Bulanow on his achievements and thank him for his devotion to the protection of the people of South Carolina.

HONORING WOMEN IN SERVICE AND ENTERPRISE AWARD WINNERS

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, for the past seven years, the greater Mesquite area has embraced the opportunity to honor many exceptional women in the community through the Women in Service and Enterprise (WISE) Award Luncheon and Style Show. Today I would like to honor this year's award recipient, Mrs. Jana Hunter-Kovar, who is a shining example of a committed community advocate and servant. I would also like to recognize honorees Barbara Dunn, Lois Buford and Adrianna Harris for their valuable service and commitment to their community.

Jana Hunter-Kovar has dedicated her life and energy to the Mesquite community for many years. She began her work as a home sales advisor before retiring to care for her family and volunteer full time. Through her participation in the Leadership Mesquite Class of 1996, the Mesquite Citizen's Police Academy Class of 1998, as well as her service on the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Board, Parks & Recreation Board, Mesquite Services League Board, Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Association Board, Mesquite Symphony Guild Board, and the Mesquite Social Services Board, Jana has truly had an integral hand in shaping Mesquite into the successful city it is today.

In recognition of her many hours of service and sacrifice, Jana has been honored with the 2004 Mesquite Social Services' Outstanding Commitment & Achievement Award, the 2003 and 2006 Mesquite Social Services' Star Board Member Award and the 2005–2006 Mesquite Independent School Board's Volunteer of the Year award. In addition to her many civic activities, Jana has been married to her husband, Mike, for 21 and 1/2 years and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Kyleigh and Kaitlyn.

Past WISE Award winners have served in a variety of ways, but they are united by the long-lasting impact they have made on their community. Their service, community involvement and dedication to enterprise continue to inspire younger generations.

Today, I would like to recognize all of the WISE honorees for their outstanding service and congratulate them on their awards. Thank you, ladies, for helping make our community, state and country a better place.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. PATRICK REED

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Superintendent Patrick Reed, the su-

perintendent of Mammoth Cave National Park, for winning the Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship award from the National Park Service.

Mr. Reed established a collaborative framework for science-informed decisionmaking. This includes disseminating scientific research to park staff, other areas overseen by the National Park Service, local citizens, academic and government partners, and people around the world.

Mr. Reed's effort to develop local, national, and international partners exemplifies how creating a consortium can be a productive method to share information, techniques, and research to aid cave and karst areas around the world. His efforts have initiated sister-park relationships with cave and karst areas in China, Slovenia, and Spain.

Mr. Reed's passion for Mammoth Cave National Park and commitment to better managing the park's world-class natural resources is an example for all to follow. I thank Mr. Reed for his commitment to the people of the Second District and one of our nation's greatest treasures.

TRIBUTE TO "THE GREATEST GENERATION" OF LOUISIANA

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with distinct honor that I pay tribute today to the living veterans of World War II—"The Greatest Generation." On behalf of all the residents of the 5th District of Louisiana, I offer our deepest appreciation.

World War II was a defining moment for our country. Over six decades ago, 16 million selflessly fought to protect and preserve our country's liberty, leaving school, jobs, friends and families behind. We must always remember the sacrifices made by these brave men and women.

At the time when I was growing up, my generation would often hear World War II stories from our fathers or uncles. Today, these stories are becoming more and more precious to hear firsthand.

I would like to thank the American Legion Post 53 of West Carroll Parish for providing an opportunity to reflect on the gallantry of those who served and those who died to protect our freedom in World War II.

Our World War II veterans exemplify the strength and spirit of our country's "Greatest Generation." The men and women who served in uniform during that war dedicated their lives to guiding our nation through some of its most trying hours.

I remain committed to ensuring that all our veterans receive the benefits and honor that they greatly deserve. They have touched every life in some way.

Madam Speaker, please join with me and all Louisianians in paying tribute to the living veterans of World War II. There will be a special place in our hearts for each one of these brave soldiers.

## TRIBUTE TO KENNY PERRY

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of Kentucky native Kenny Perry. Earlier this month, Mr. Perry gave a memorable performance at the 73rd Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. Looking to become the oldest golfer to win a major championship at the age of 48 years and 8 months, Mr. Perry played superbly during the Masters Tournament and finished second in the tournament following two exciting playoff holes. Throughout the tournament, he exhibited the same grace and class he has always shown throughout his auspicious career.

Mr. Perry grew up in Kentucky's First Congressional District, attending Franklin-Simpson High School and eventually graduating from Lone Oaks High School in Paducah. He played golf at both schools before attending Western Kentucky University where he continued to excel at the sport. In 1982, Mr. Perry turned professional and has spent the past 27 years building a solid reputation for himself both as a professional golfer and a community leader. He donates a percentage of his winnings to Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, to provide scholarships to students. Mr. Perry built Country Creek, a public course in his hometown of Franklin. In 1995, he bought 142 acres of land to design and build the only public course in the town. He designed it for mid-to-high handicappers and kept it affordable so that the game of golf could be accessible to all. Mr. Perry is a member of Western Kentucky University Hall of Fame and Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. In 2002, he received the Charles Bartlett Award, given to a professional golfer for his unselfish contributions to the betterment of society by the Golf Writers Association of America.

On the course, Mr. Perry currently ranks 3rd in All-Around Ranking on the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour. In 2008, when the Ryder Cup was held in Kentucky, Mr. Perry dedicated himself to qualifying for the event. His hard work paid off when he helped the United States retake the cup for the first time since 1999.

Mr. Perry's contributions both on and off the golf course serve as a shining example of what professional athletes should be and I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor him.

## HONORING REVEREND DR. HENRY L. FULLER, JR.

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. as he celebrates his 11th year as pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. A banquet was held on Saturday, April 18th to celebrate this occasion.

In 1999 and 2002, Reverend Dr. Fuller was elected Moderator of the Great Lakes Baptist District Association and held this post until

2007. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Baptist College of A.B.T.S., Nashville; a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; President of the United Bible Institute of Flint; Member At-large of the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated; Treasurer of the Todd-Phillip Children's Home; a member of the Mayor's Community Advisory Board in Flint; and Governor Jennifer Granholm named him to the State of Michigan Faith Based State Wide Steering Committee. In 2007 he was elected President of the Wolverine State Baptist Missionary Convention at its 88th Annual Session.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Reverend Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. I pray that he will continue to bring the good news of Our Lord, Jesus Christ to the Flint community for many, many years to come.

## 2009 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Steph Goodrow of West Mifflin Area High School. Ms. Goodrow is the winner of the 2009 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Goodrow's artwork, a chalk, pastel, and charcoal composition entitled "A Walk," was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition.

In fact, fifty-five works from twelve different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition. I am certain that Ms. Goodrow's family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Goodrow's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Goodrow's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, that will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from Brashear High School, Nour Qutyan; from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Sarah Axtell, George Cessna, Dana Laskowski, and Nicolette Santercangelo; from Carlynton High School, Christina Chicci; from Carrick High School, Jessica Dietz, Kristin May, Kaci Scheidter, and Mandy Tice; from Montour High School, Dominique Dabeco, Diane

Elbel, and Hilary Wirkowski; from Northgate High School, Linzie Bussard, Crystal Flora, Alicia Patak, and James Silay; from Penn Hills High School, Julian McClain Hubbard, Carly Otte, Chloe Regan, Lauren Tucci, Sidney Turba, and Chloe Weiss; from South Allegheny High School, Angelia Bianchi-Faiello, Rhett Bilec, Bre Graham, Hollah Brielle Graham, Mollie K. Kish, and Brett Nolfi; from Taylor-Allderice High School, Shelby Gitchel, Joseph Godovshik, Jasmine Manguel, Juan Melena-Robles, Casey Snyder, and Yajie Yang; from West Mifflin Area High School, Steph Goodrow, Elyse M. Larouere, Rachel Lynn Playsoy, and James Vautier; from the Wilson Christian Academy, Elora Boyd; and from Woodland Hills High School, Candace Davis, Alessandra DeChancie, Elijah Johnson, Sarah Morgan, Maddy Moyta, and Sara Savage.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

## COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I remember the millions of souls who died at the hands of the Nazis and, specifically, the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. I remember the approximately one and a half million children who were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. In the United States Congress and all over the world, we embrace this solemn day of remembrance. It is Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laGvura, 'Remembrance Day for the Holocaust and Heroism,' known commonly in Israel and abroad as Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

I have always aspired to stand by the saying 'Never be a bystander.' For that reason, I find it appropriate to recall the story which took place on the 27th of the Hebrew month Nisan, which is the day in 1951 the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, designated as Yom HaShoah. On this day in 1943, a small group of less than one thousand Jewish rebels in Poland's Warsaw Ghetto were in the midst of fighting back against the elite Waffen-SS soldiers who had been tasked with "liquidating" the Ghetto. With only a few firearms, a tiny supply of ammunition, and a small number of makeshift explosives, it took the Nazis nearly a month to defeat the small band of Jewish fighters. Better known as 'the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,' this was the most significant act of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. They never lost hope and, although the story ultimately ended tragically, it remains today an inspiration to us all of the unshakable will of human beings to live in freedom.

I quote my friend, the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, when he spoke at the Central Memorial Assembly in Warsaw on the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1993: 'There were those who believed



that, with the fall of the Nazis, racism would be abolished from the earth. They were mistaken. Fifty years after the fall of Hitler, his successors have arisen in various corners of the world.'

Today is a time for reflection, but it is not enough to simply remember. We must continue to fight hatred and intolerance wherever it exists, for human freedom depends on the presence of justice, the justice that was denied to so many during the dark days of World War II. To ignore that lesson is unforgivable.

Today in the Darfur region of Sudan, genocide is taking place. This conflict has engulfed millions of people and cost hundreds of thousands of lives. Innocent people are being murdered, starved, and driven from their homes simply because of the color of their skin.

As we commemorate Yom HaShoah, it is my hope that all people will banish the sort of dark hatred that gave rise to the Holocaust and, more recently, to the events in Darfur. May our consciences prevent us always from being bystanders in times and places where that sort of evil is present. Today I remember the past and take a stand for our future.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS GATLIN,  
2009 LOUISIANA NURSE OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Gatlin, RN, OCN, MHA, a nursing director at the Baton Rouge General, for being named 2009 Nurse of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

Chris is a long-time nurse at the Baton Rouge General, and her colleagues and friends state that she is representative of a true leader. From her work as an oncology nurse, to her service to those well beyond the hospital walls, Chris demonstrates the art and caring as a nurse by her promotion of this profession through example and participation.

In addition to being one of the most compassionate caregivers, Chris is involved with many programs, projects, and initiatives related to oncology nursing. From promoting her profession through college classroom visits and national speaking engagements, to teaching classes to help nurses at the Baton Rouge General receive the highest certifications in oncology nursing, Chris is a constant advocate for the profession and a mentor to many.

But one of Chris' most important and meaningful achievements was spearheading an initiative to increase awareness about the management of pain for cancer patients. As an oncology nurse, Chris saw how pain affected the daily lives of those suffering with this terminal disease. With a simple commitment to help her patients, she shepherded resources and stakeholders—creating the Louisiana Pain Initiative. Through this group, she secured grant money from the Pain Foundation to conduct the first Survey on Pain in Louisiana. She was also able to gain support around the state and participated in countless interviews for the "Power Over Pain Louisiana Campaign." Chris continues to work closely with the group, making a difference in the lives of many in our state.

Chris is also highly involved with the American Cancer Society (ACS). She participates annually, usually as a team leader, in the Relay for Life event and serves as a member of ACS's board of directors. She is also active in the community by promoting skin and prostate cancer screenings, breast self-exams, lung cancer awareness, and smoking cessation education.

Anyone who knows Chris quickly learns of her excitement and enthusiasm for nursing and zest for life. Colleagues at the Baton Rouge General look to Chris as an example of how the power of one dedicated person can change the world for many. And though Chris would never seek out this type of recognition for her amazing work, everyone at Baton Rouge General believes she earns the right and privilege to be named Louisiana's Nurse of the Year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chris Gatlin for being named Louisiana's Nurse of the Year. This truly amazing and selfless individual has proven that one person can change the world for many.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MILITARY  
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FED-  
ERAL CHARTER ACT

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce, along with my colleague WALTER JONES, a bill to grant a federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America.

The MOAA is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization that plays an active role in military personnel matters while working with Congress to propose legislation affecting our active duty, National Guard and Reserve forces, the retired community, veterans and survivors of the uniformed services.

The MOAA is the largest professional association for military officers and the fourth largest veterans group in the nation with nearly 370,000 members. Nonetheless, MOAA remains the only major veterans organization in the country without a Congressional Charter.

Although a Federal Charter does not confer any specific rights or benefits, it provides public recognition to membership organizations that serve the public interest. A Charter also will enable some state-level MOAA affiliates to represent veterans on Governor-level veterans advisory councils from which they are presently excluded.

MOAA has established a distinguished 80 year history of service to the military community, veterans, survivors and their families by offering career transition assistance, military benefits counseling, and educational assistance to children of military families.

I am proud to stand in support of MOAA with my colleague Representative JONES and with our Senate colleagues BILL NELSON and SUSAN COLLINS, who introduced the bi-partisan companion bill.

After eight decades of service to our men and women in uniform, the MOAA richly deserves congressional support for a federal charter—not only for their benefit but for the benefit of those whom they serve and represent.

DEAN ROBERT ROSEN

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Dean Robert Rosen, outgoing Dean of the internationally acclaimed UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. A world renowned archivist, recognized for his contribution to the restoration and preservation of films, Bob is to be commended for his work in the preservation of this American art form.

Bob has dedicated thirty years to guiding the growth of the UCLA Film & Television Archive. Evolving from a small study collection to the world's largest university-based holding of original film and television materials second only to the Library of Congress, Bob's dedication has certainly paid off. He has cemented his stature as an international leader in film preservation, first as director of the UCLA Film and Television Archive (1975–99) and since then as Dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. Under Bob's leadership, the National Center for Film and Video Preservation at the American Film Institute was founded.

His involvement in the field of film is extensive as he dedicates his time and efforts to serving on numerous boards such as the executive committee of the International Federation of Film Archives and the National Film Preservation Board of the Library of Congress. Along with Martin Scorsese, Bob created the Film Foundation, and today he is the Chair of the Film Foundation's Archivists Advisory Council. His interests extend beyond film with his service as a Board Member of the Geffen Playhouse and the Latino Theater Company.

His many contributions and commitment to film preservation and restoration have not gone unnoticed. In 2008, he received the Film Foundation's John Huston Award from the Directors Guild of America. His work has also been honored internationally, including recognition by the French government as an Officer of Arts and Letters and his receipt of the International Documentary Association's Career Achievement Award for Scholarship and Preservation.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Dean Robert Rosen for his impressive tenure at UCLA and for the indelible mark he has left on the film industry.

RECOGNIZING JOHN M. CONNALLY,  
JR.

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John M. Connally, Jr., who recently was honored for his contributions to the insurance and financial services industry.

The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Dallas named John the 2007 Advisor of the Year at their awards ceremony last June. This organization encourages



and facilitates the professional growth of insurance and financial services providers and promotes their public image. This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to their industry and their community.

John began his career in 1963 and has been a major contributor both to his own company as well as to NAIFA. He is currently president and CEO of Financial Protection Life and Annuity Corporation. As a Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow, he serves as secretary of the NAIFA-Dallas Board of Directors, chairman of the Governmental Relations Committee, and will become President of the Association in 2010. He is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table and has served on the boards of directors of the Dallas Association of Life Underwriters, the El Paso Association of Life Underwriters, and the El Paso General Agents and Managers Association, where he also was president.

Additionally, John has served as a member of the Richardson City Council, a founder of Richardson Sports Incorporated, and has served on various other community boards. He was the Regional Director for John B. Connally for President, Campaign Manager for Wayne Connally for Lieutenant Governor and Preston Smith for Governor. He also served as a Lay Leader for Custer Road United Methodist Church.

John and his wife, Erna, have been married for 35 years. Their family includes Kelle, Katie, Dan, Jaelyn and Brad. John is a Texas Tech graduate, where he earned a BBA in finance, played football on an athletic scholarship and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Madam Speaker, I commend John M. Connally, Jr., for his service and commitment to the financial industry, his family and his community. He comes from a great Texas family that has contributed so much to our state and Nation, and their legacy continues in his life and in the lives of his children.

IN RECOGNITION OF QUALITY ROAD, OWNER-BREEDER EDWARD P. EVANS AND SPRING HILL FARM IN CASANOVA, VIRGINIA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Quality Road, the winner of the Florida Derby on March 28, 2009. Breaking a track record for nine furlongs with his 1:47.72 performance and winning by 1¾ lengths, Quality Road emerged the number one seed from the Southeast Regional for the Kentucky Derby.

Quality Road was foaled on March 23, 2006 at Spring Hill Farm. The three year-old Virginia Thoroughbred colt gets his speed from his sire, Elusive Quality, who was not only a world-class miler, but also sired Smarty Jones, the 2004 Kentucky Derby winner and Raven's Pass, last year's Breeders' Cup Classic winner. His damsire, Strawberry Road, was a worldwide multiple Group I winner, and his dam's full sister, Ajina, won the 1997 Breeders' Cup Distaff and Coaching Club American Oaks.

Located in Casanova, Virginia, Spring Hill Farm is owned by Mr. Edward P. Evans and is recognized nationally and internationally for its accomplishments in Thoroughbred breeding and racing. Mr. Evans has bred leading sires and broodmares in the Thoroughbred industry for more than thirty-five years including Horse of the Year Saint Liam.

The impressive win at the Florida Derby displayed Quality Road's ability to win at the 1¼-mile distance and establishes him as a formidable contender for the Kentucky Derby.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Edward P. Evans and Spring Hill Farm on the accomplishments of an impeccably-bred horse, Quality Road. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Quality Road continued success in the 135th running of the Kentucky Derby and the first leg of the 2009 Triple Crown Series.

HONORING THE BATON ROUGE GENERAL

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Baton Rouge General for earning the tremendous honor—for the fifth time—as the Hospital of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

The Baton Rouge General, established more than 100 years ago as the first hospital in the Baton Rouge area, is still committed to serving the residents of this community. This hospital boasts a legacy rich in clinical achievement, timely and responsive technological advancement, and dependable yet creative approaches to the delivery of quality care and services to those it serves.

The Baton Rouge General aids a nine-parish region as a teaching hospital for both physicians and nurses, and provides the community with an extensive range of services, including one of only two Regional Burn Centers in the state of Louisiana.

Moreover, the Baton Rouge General's Pennington Cancer Center became the first in the nation to treat patients using the ARTISTE™ the most advanced cancer-fighting technology available today. This technology allows cancer patients to remain close to home for treatment—surrounded by friends and family—and still receive the best cancer treatment available anywhere in the country.

In addition to ARTISTE™ the hospital's Pennington Cancer Center has become known for developing the most comprehensive and advanced cancer treatment program in the region, including inpatient, outpatient, surgical and medical oncology services; radiation treatment; and cancer research programs at both campuses of the Baton Rouge General. Also, through the Baton Rouge General's Womack Heart Center, the hospital provides complete cardiac care—recognized by many national organizations for the highest quality and outcomes.

Again, the Baton Rouge General's dedication to excellence was highlighted nationally in 2008 when it was named one of the nation's Top 25 Most Connected Hospitals in America by Health Imaging and IT Magazine. The hospital is in the final stages of developing a \$16

million, state-of-the-art information technology system, which has been the subject of multiple national articles.

As the Baton Rouge General forges into the new millennium, the hospital is more committed than ever to providing exceptional care from the region's best nurses, physicians and clinical professionals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Baton Rouge General as it continues to provide needed medical services, life-saving, state-of-the-art technology and the best care to its community.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, today is Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom Hashoah, which is marked by ceremonies this week in the United States, Israel and around the world. It is a solemn day commemorating the Hebrew anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and each year it is an opportunity to revisit the lessons of the Holocaust and the innocent lives and vibrant communities that were destroyed by the Nazis.

Decades have passed since the Nazis and their willing counterparts committed mass genocide of European Jewry. Tragically, despite a clear historical record, Holocaust denial has become a favored platform for anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. The threat grows greater as the eyewitnesses who survived the Holocaust pass on.

In a new chapter of struggle, these eyewitnesses increasingly face a different kind of daily challenge for survival. Of the approximately 100,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States, at least 25 percent live below the federal poverty level. Tragically, the current economic crisis is pushing this already vulnerable population to even further financial uncertainty. In Los Angeles, home to approximately 15,000 survivors, the Holocaust Survivor Program at Jewish Family Services has reported a sharp increase in requests for emergency financial assistance. Those who receive public benefits have already seen a cut in their Social Security payments, and are expecting additional cuts to their medical benefits, and the In-Home Supportive Services program that will go into effect this summer.

Around the country, Holocaust survivors are facing the loss of their homes of many years to foreclosure, at least in part because they have drawn on the equity in their homes to help meet daily expenses. Such displacement is distressing for any senior citizen, but the impact on survivors is often exacerbated by physical and mental health ailments from their wartime experience. It is clear that indigent survivors in Los Angeles, the United States and around the world are in dire need.

The United States and the international community have the opportunity to deliver justice and aid for these survivors at the upcoming "Holocaust Era Assets Conference," which will be hosted in June by the Government of the Czech Republic in Prague. The objective of the conference is to assess the progress made since a similar conference was convened in Washington in 1998.

Key working groups organized for the Prague Conference will focus on property restitution in countries like Poland that still have no applicable laws, looted art and Judaica, and Jewish cultural property. There will also be a special session on "Caring for Victims of Nazism and Their Legacy," which will examine the pressing humanitarian and social needs survivors face.

Those who survived the Holocaust and overcame horrific trauma to rebuild their shattered lives deserve to live their final years with dignity. We cannot talk about remembrance and restitution without addressing survivor destitution. I am hopeful that the Prague forum will answer this urgent call to action.

CONGRATULATING THE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I wish to extend my congratulations to the South Bend Washington High School Lady Panthers, 2009 State Runners-Up in the 4A girls basketball division.

During their remarkable season, the Lady Panthers won 26 games on their way to finishing second in national rankings by ESPN. In a state championship game that will be remembered as one of the best in Indiana high school basketball history, South Bend Washington lost 71-69 to Ben Davis High School of Indianapolis, the nationally top-ranked squad, on a last second shot. Through their determination, effort, and outstanding achievements, the Lady Panthers can be proud of all that they have done for girls basketball in the state of Indiana.

The South Bend Washington team consisted of 12 young ladies, including: Seniors Skylar Diggins, Alandrea Pfeifer-Nailon, Karis Phillips, Rakeesha Lane, Takoia Larry, Jasmine Watson, and Jazmine Watson; Junior Avante Newsome-Gunn; Sophomores Porscha Hill and Terran Scott; and Freshmen Brytney Bennett and Shareita Patton.

Head Coach Maurice Scott was assisted by Don Coddens. In addition to the Washington High School student body, alumni, and parents, officials such as Mayor Steve Lueke, School Superintendent James Kapsa, Washington Principal George McCullough, Jr., and Athletic Director Marilyn Coddens lent support and encouragement throughout the season.

After averaging 29 points per game, South Bend Washington senior guard Skylar Diggins was named the 2009 Gatorade and Naismith National High School Player of the Year, and was also the winner of the 2009 Indiana Miss Basketball award.

The city of South Bend and the surrounding area rallied behind the Lady Panthers. For the fourth consecutive year, thousands of fans traveled to Indianapolis, where they made the State Championship game feel like a home contest.

Again, I offer my hearty congratulations to the members of the South Bend Washington High School girls basketball team on their Semi-State title, their extraordinary effort in the State Championship game, and for all of their accomplishments this season.

HONORING DONALD NORCROSS UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE FIRST CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Donald Norcross, who was the recipient of the inaugural Camden County Civic Leadership and Responsibility Award on April 2, 2009. Mr. Norcross received this award in recognition of his tireless efforts championing the causes of local laborers and their families, ensuring that the needs of local social service organizations and their clients are met, and spearheading efforts toward the renewal of the City of Camden.

While a student at Camden County College, Mr. Norcross began his career as an apprentice electrician. Today he is the president of the Southern New Jersey AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, vice president of the Southern New Jersey Building Trades Council, and assistant business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 351.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Norcross has also worked to make his community better through his civic endeavors. For more than ten years he has served as a member of the executive board of the United Way of Camden County. He founded the Home Port Alliance, a group of South Jersey veterans, activists and elected officials. This group successfully worked to bring the retired USS *New Jersey*, the most decorated battleship in United States history, to the Camden waterfront. This proud ship now serves as a monument to the brave sailors who served on her during her long and distinguished career as well as an exciting attraction that contributes to the economic development of Southern New Jersey. In light of these considerable achievements, it is fitting that Mr. Norcross was honored with the inaugural Camden County Civic Leadership and Responsibility Award. He is an excellent example for all Camden County College graduates and students. I congratulate Mr. Norcross for receiving the award and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the talented Murray State University Symphonic Wind Ensemble from Kentucky's First Congressional District. Tonight, the wind ensemble has been invited to perform at the world renowned John F. Kennedy Center. I have no doubt that these gifted students will represent western Kentucky well in our nation's Capital.

Under the direction of Mr. Dennis L. Johnson, the Murray State University Symphonic Wind Ensemble has gained a reputation for excellence both here in the United States and

abroad. This reputation has allowed them to perform in some of the most prestigious venues and events in the world. In 2000 and 2005, they were invited for special performances at Carnegie Hall. In 2001 they were the only ensemble from the United States selected to perform at the International Wind Band Conference in Manchester, England. This year they appeared in a special concert at the state Kentucky Music Educators Association Conference in Louisville. The ensemble has also been selected by competitive audition to perform at the prestigious College Band Director's National Association Conferences.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble is one of the premiere performing organizations for the highly respected Murray State University Department of Music. Each year the wind ensemble presents a series of concerts featuring international performing artists-conductors and premieres compositions by composers from throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, these students and musicians have shown an unwavering commitment to both their studies and their music. Their performance this evening at the Kennedy Center is a true testament to their dedication to training and practice. The achievements of Murray State University's Wind Ensemble are noteworthy, and I ask the entire United States Congress to join me in congratulating them for receiving the great honor of being asked to perform at the Kennedy Center. I would also like to commend Murray State University as a whole for their commitment to excellence over the past 87 years. The wind ensemble is a shining example of the many incredible programs the university offers.

HONORING VINCI RICCHIUTI

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vinci Ricchiuti upon being named one of the "2009 Common Threads Honorees" by California State University, Fresno. Mrs. Ricchiuti will be honored at the 13th Annual Common Threads Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 3, 2009.

The Common Threads Award recognizes women who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to the enhancement of their communities. Vinci Ricchiuti was born and raised in Fresno, California, and spent her childhood on and around her family's farm. Her grandparents farmed tree fruit and almonds. She married Patrick Ricchiuti in 1981 and became a member of another farming family; she quickly became an ambassador for fresh fruit and nuts. Even with her role as a businesswoman and mother, she continues to make time for community involvement.

Mrs. Ricchiuti has volunteered for 10 different committees with California State University; including Foundation Board of Governors, Budget Committee Chair, Ambassador for Higher Education Committee, Comprehensive Campaign Leadership Committee and Alumni Board Past Director. She is also a Foundation board member for Community Regional Medical Center, an advisory board member for the Nazareth House and a past president for Fort Washington Elementary School. Between Mrs.

Ricchiuti's volunteerism and her philanthropic spirit, the time and produce that she has donated has benefited multiple organizations in the Fresno area including numerous schools within the Clovis Unified School District, the Fresno Art Museum, Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Junior League of Fresno and Assistance League of Fresno. She has made donations to various California State University organizations and the not-for-profit hospitals in the region.

For Mrs. Ricchiuti's commitment and dedication to her community, she has been recognized as the "California State University, Fresno Alumni of the Year" from the School of Arts and Humanities, the "Arthur Safstrom Award for Outstanding Service to Fresno State." She has also been named the California State University, Fresno Alumni Association "Top Dog," the Association of Fundraising Professionals "Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year," and the Foundation for Clovis Schools "Guardian of the Year."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Vinci Ricchiuti upon being named a "2009 Common Threads Honoree" by California State University, Fresno. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Ricchiuti many years of continued success.

HONORING DOCTOR CHARLES JOHNSON

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of the honoring of his lifetime achievement by one of Seattle's historic organizations and keeper of the arts, the Rainier Club, the people of the State of Washington hold up as a national inspiration the work of one of the world's most distinguished authors, Seattle's own Dr. Charles Johnson.

Dr. Johnson made the journey to Seattle from Long Island in 1976 to teach at the University of Washington. He noted in *Smithsonian Magazine* in 2008 that Seattle is "an ideal environment for nurturing innovation, individualism and the creative spirit." It is in this setting that Dr. Johnson has made a uniquely rich array of contributions to the arts and letters, and became one of his generation's most distinguished African American authors.

While his works are too numerous to list, Madam Speaker, Dr. Johnson counts among his literary gems four novels, *Faith and the Good Thing*, *Oxherding Tale*, *Middle Passage*, and *Dreamer*; as well as short stories, screenplays, aesthetics, comic art, and *King: The Photobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.* His awards and honors are as abundant as they are approbative.

Dr. Johnson noted in Seattle's *Post-Intelligencer* on April 27, 2007 that American society is threatened by a "diminished literary culture," the cure for which is "the experience of complex, well-wrought, visionary books that challenge our assumptions, our intellectual laziness, and transform as well as deepen our perceptions of the world and ourselves." While he probably intended otherwise, this describes Dr. Johnson's own pivotal role in our literary ethos, as his works consistently have challenged readers' assumptions and intellectual

laziness while transforming and deepening our world view and our self-knowledge.

Dr. Johnson's influence is international, but it is our honor that his presence is local to Washington State's 7th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF THE PERFORMING ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY (PAWS)

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 25th anniversary of the founding of The Performing Animal Welfare Society, PAWS, which continues to valiantly lead efforts to protect all animals and to ensure proper humane sanctuary for wildlife who have experienced the inhumanity of the exotic and performing animal trades.

In 1984, Pat Derby and Ed Stewart founded PAWS, sharing their commitment to develop a pristine sanctuary for abused, neglected and retired wildlife. Throughout the last 25 years, I am proud to have worked with PAWS to ensure improved, humane standards for captive wildlife. An early success for PAWS and animal rights activists was celebrated in 1985 with the passing of California Assembly Bill 1620 which introduced humane standards for the care and handling of wildlife. Following that initial success, more support was garnered which led the California Assembly to pass the Elephant Bill in 1995. This historic statute mandated that elephants be provided minimum adequate space to move freely and prohibited the use of chains for confinement.

Building on previous accomplishments, PAWS forged a bipartisan partnership with Congress in 1997 to pass the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. In another watershed moment for animal protection advocates, this important legislation provided financial assistance for projects intended to protect Asian elephants and blocked funding for captive breeding programs. As a co-sponsor of the original Act, and having twice voted to fully fund the Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Acts of 2001 and 2007, I understand the importance and deeply appreciate the beneficence of PAWS. In addition to protecting elephants, PAWS has successfully implemented solutions to rescue and relocate over 35 tigers and other animals from breeding facilities.

Through The Performing Animal Welfare Society's extraordinary accomplishments, which now includes over 2,400 acres of natural protected sanctuaries, countless captive animals have been rescued from hazardous and inhumane conditions and have been provided with healthy and sustainable environments in which to live quality lives. Without their steadfast support and dedication for the humane treatment of wildlife, our nation's efforts to protect these animals would be drastically impaired.

Madam Speaker, it is with the upmost respect and gratitude that I rise to honor the 25th anniversary of PAWS and especially to pay tribute to Pat Derby and Ed Stewart.

TRIBUTE TO THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1949

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to the Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1949 as they prepare to celebrate their 60th class reunion. Booker T. Washington High School is located in Overtown, Miami, Florida, which is in my congressional District.

Founded in 1926 for African-American students residing from West Palm Beach to Key West, Booker T. Washington High School has served as a stalwart in the Miami-Dade County community since its inception. By 1949, Booker T. Washington High School was one of three African-American high schools in Miami-Dade County and since then has become a vital center for cultural activities in Overtown.

The Class of 1949 was the first high school alumni group in South Florida to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a holiday. Additionally, the Class of 1949 has been the sole alumni group in the country to file and successfully conclude a Civil Rights Action, specifically a public accommodation lawsuit against a commercial establishment. Moreover, many "49ers" have engaged in charitable endeavors including granting educational scholarships, annual contributions and support to the United Negro College Fund, the Black Archives and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

Noteworthy achievements by the "49ers" include: the first African-American elected to public office in Miami-Dade County as a County Commissioner, the first African-American to serve as chairman of a board in Miami-Dade County the Fair Housing and Employment Commission and the first African-American to serve as a head coach at a fully integrated public high school in Miami-Dade County.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to commemorate Booker T. Washington High School for its remarkable role in fostering education among African-Americans and implore its alumni to ensure that future generations have educational access to foster the skills to face complex challenges. I once again extend my congratulations to the members of the Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1949 as they prepare to celebrate their 60th class reunion.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to extend my congratulations to the Rochester High School Boys Basketball Team. The Zebras succeeded in placing second in the IHSAA 3-A State Tournament on March 28, 2009 at Conseco Field House in Indianapolis. After making it to the championship

game, they suffered a narrow 79–81 double-overtime loss against the Princeton Tigers.

Returning only two starters from the previous year, the Rochester Zebras enjoyed an incredible season, showing a strong work ethic in their practices and throughout the regular season in order to advance to the IHSAA 3-A State Tournament. The Zebras played brilliantly during the tournament and despite their close loss in the final game, their great effort capped off an impressive 23–4 season.

The Rochester team has 13 members including seniors Bruce Grimm, Jr., Brody Schoen, Austin Lowe and Jason Smith; Juniors Garrett Winegar, Marc Bowers and Colt Meadows; and Sophomores Nate Basham, Evan Hoff, Collin Harris, Cameron Screeton, Cahner Thompson and Chris Messersmith. The Zebras are led by senior Bruce Grimm, Jr., who averaged an impressive 25.2 points per game and had 40 points in the championship game.

During the championship game, the Rochester Zebras completed 15 three-point shots, setting a new IHSAA record.

I also want to acknowledge the wonderful support the team had from Head Coach Rob Malchow and Assistant Coaches Rex Reinholt, Sean Kelly, Dwayne Stiles, Mike Malchow and Mike Barnett. They helped guide the Zebras to victory. I would also like to thank Principal Dan Ronk, Assistant Principal Jana Vance, Athletic Director Mark Miller and above all, the fans in the community, many of whom traveled to Indianapolis for the game and gathered to welcome the team home upon their return.

I offer my hardy congratulations to the members of the boys' basketball team of Rochester High School, the coaching staff, the school administration, and the community for their accomplishments this season on the road to their second place finish in the IHSAA 3-A State Basketball Tournament.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JUDGE  
CHARLES J. VALLONE SCHOLAR-  
SHIP DINNER DANCE

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay honor to the organizers of the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner, to the dinner's honorees and to the students who receive scholarships as a result of the generosity of dinner attendees. The scholarship, named for the late Charles J. Vallone, has awarded over half a million dollars to graduating high school seniors from Astoria, making it possible for these bright students to enroll in the colleges of their choice.

Judge Charles Vallone, father of former City Council Speaker Peter Vallone and grandfather of City Councilmember Peter Vallone Jr., founded the Astoria Civic Association with a group of concerned neighbors in 1928. The association was incorporated by the state of New York in 1933 and Judge Vallone served as its first executive chairman. After Judge Vallone died in 1967, his widow, Leah Vallone, founded the scholarship fund in his memory. The Vallone Scholarship fund has grown to be one of the largest private scholarship funds in New York state.

This month, the Astoria Civic Association holds its annual Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner Dance at the Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens. George Alexiou and Gloria DeMarco Aloise, two extraordinary people who are truly pillars of the community, will be this year's honorees. They each have demonstrated remarkable leadership and have been instrumental in supporting the Astoria Civic Association's vital mission.

George Alexiou embodies the American immigrant success story. He was born and raised in Greece. Following his service in the Greek Army, he went to the Hotel Manager School in Heidelberg, Germany, where he studied for two years. He then worked for two years at the Hilton Hotel in Dusseldorf, Germany, and also worked in the hotel business in Paris and London. In 1972, Mr. Alexiou moved to Astoria, New York. For ten years, Mr. Alexiou worked in top restaurants and hotels before leaving the hospitality industry to start his own business. He established Century 21 Alexiou Realty, which helps Queens residents find housing and enables many to begin the American dream of home ownership. Mr. Alexiou is honorary President of the Greek American Homeowners Association, and is a member of Queens Community Board 1 and the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis Club. He resides in Astoria with his lovely wife, Elpidia.

Gloria DeMarco Aloise grew up in a political family and has spent a lifetime involved in Queens politics, particularly through the Taminent Democratic Club. Ms. Aloise is a Democratic District Leader for 36th Assembly District, and has provided organizational skills and guidance to every local elected official in Western Queens. Ms. Aloise has also been an inspiration to countless community leaders through her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of all the residents of Astoria, New York. Ms. Aloise is active in many community organizations, including the Martin De Porres School, where she has served as a teacher and a caseworker. She is supported by her devoted husband Edward, and by her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to all those who have made the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner possible and in recognizing the accomplishments of its sponsor, the Astoria Civic Association, and its distinguished 2009 honorees.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBU-  
TIONS OF ALTERNATIVE HOUSE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding organization serving at-risk youth in Fairfax County. Alternative House was founded in 1972 as the first emergency shelter for runaway teenagers in Northern Virginia. Through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach, Alternative House provides support to at-risk young children, teens and their families. Recognizing the interdependence of families, Alternative House programs seek to empower young children,

teens, and families to work together and build on their strengths.

Alternative House has grown organically from its origins in a trailer on the grounds of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church to a renovated house located on Gallows Road in Dunn Loring. While Alternative House's programs have grown, the organization continues to focus on those most in need of assistance and those with the greatest possibility for making life-altering changes.

In 1993, Alternative House embarked on an aggressive outreach program for at-risk youth. The effort consisted of a mobile unit with two counselors who walked through our neighborhoods to provide young people with support, resources, and guidance. Since its origins, the Community Outreach Program has expanded to include additional recreation and education services designed to help children and teens stay in school.

In 2002, Alternative House expanded its assistance outreach by opening the Assisting Young Mothers program. This program seeks to provide shelter, education, counseling and support to young women who are homeless, pregnant or already parenting. These programs give young people hope for brighter futures.

In 2008, Alternative House's Emergency Shelter for Teenagers provided safe shelter, food and counseling to an average of more than eighteen young people each month, totaling 220 for the year. In just the past twelve months, Alternative House provided neighborhood-based counseling, outreach, food and after-school programs to more than 1,800 at-risk youth in Fairfax County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the consistently growing and increasingly significant contributions of Alternative House to at-risk young people in Fairfax County. From both its origins to its current efforts, Alternative House is truly an exemplar for community-based assistance programs.

LEGISLATION TO CODIFY TITLE 53,  
U.S. CODE—SMALL BUSINESS

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member LAMAR SMITH and I are introducing a bill to codify into positive law as title 53, United States Code, certain general and permanent laws related to small business. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. §285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

The bill restates the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, along with related provisions in other Acts, as a new positive law title of the United States Code. The new positive law title replaces the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

This bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of nonsubstantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent

overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.

The bill, along with a detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill, can be found on the Law Revision Counsel website at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments to Tim Trushel, Assistant Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515-6711, (202) 226-2411, as well as to the Committee.

#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

##### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, yesterday evening marked the beginning of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the day set aside to remember the six-million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. In Israel, it is a national memorial day.

The atrocities of the Holocaust are horrific and unforgivable. Those who perished live on in the memories of those who survived. Today, I would like to recognize one such individual, Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, a survivor and a remarkable woman, who lives in my district and who I am privileged to represent.

Fanya's presence here represents the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, and of goodness over evil. She is a member of the last generation of Holocaust survivors. With the survivor population growing older, with most in their 70s, 80s and beyond, there is an urgent need to record the events of this most tragic period in human history.

Fanya grew up in a tiny village on the Polish-Ukrainian border called Skala. Prior to the war, the Jews, Poles and Ukrainians lived in different worlds with very little interaction. The Nazis were able to take advantage of this lack of communication and centuries' old hatred to turn average citizens—shopkeepers, doctors, lawyers and teachers—into willing participants in the war against the Jews. They brainwashed the public with a media campaign of lies, at a time when there were no jobs, no money and no food. People wanted someone to blame and Hitler took advantage of this anger and frustration and convinced an entire nation to wage a genocidal war against the Jews.

A Polish peasant farmer named Sidor, one of the poorest in the village of Skala, risked his life and that of his wife and young daughter to save Fanya's family. He dug a cave for them under his chicken coop, where Fanya, along with her parents and little brother, hid and remained in a crouching position for nearly two and a half years. They had little air and no light and subsisted on whatever meager rations Sidor was able to share with them. Lice and rats were their constant companions.

Jan, a Ukrainian shoemaker who became a militiaman during the war, was the only other person to help them. Jan had taken a particular romantic interest in Fanya and, because of his love for her, throughout this entire period, he risked his life—hiding them at times in the attic of his family's barn—to save their lives. He brought them food and bits of news from the warfront whenever possible.

Because of the help he gave Fanya's family in hiding, Jan was teased and called a "Jewish Uncle." His own mother turned him in to the Nazis, who in turn beat him mercilessly in order to try to find the Gottesfelds.

Fanya's contributions to the community are multifold. She has raised a wonderful family, three children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In 1998, the New York State Board of Regents awarded her the Louis E. Yavner Citizen Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to teaching about the Holocaust and other assaults on humanity. Fanya holds a B.A. and an M.A. in psychology from the New School for Social Research and honorary degrees from Yeshiva University and Bar-Ilan University. She serves on the boards of numerous institutions and charitable organizations, many of which focus on Jewish education and the empowerment of women.

She is the author of *Love in a World of Sorrow*, a candid memoir of her experiences during the Holocaust and a public record of one woman's witness to the Holocaust. After publication, Fanya also began to teach. Speaking to young people, mostly not Jewish, Fanya puts a face to the suffering they had read about in their textbooks, providing a message of hope and an emotional connection that can only come from hearing a first person account. There is also a study guide published alongside Fanya's book to help educators present the issue of genocide.

Fanya is committed to helping others understand the power of goodness in a world of evil, the power of just one person, of each individual—that individuals can and must make the right choices instead of remaining bystanders in the face of evil. Fanya wants to insure that these and future generations better understand the tragedy of the past and work to make sure that, in each lifetime, fairness, justice and love will win out over indifference, evil and hatred.

#### HONORING JIM SAXTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

##### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Saxton for his service to the United States House of Representatives. I was pleased to have the opportunity to previously honor Mr. Saxton at a dinner in Cherry Hill on March 15, 2009.

Since his time as an elementary school teacher and a small business owner, Representative Saxton has worked tirelessly to help the people of New Jersey. He served in the New Jersey General Assembly and the New Jersey Senate. He served the State of New Jersey in the House of Representatives for more than twenty-three years. He became the Ranking Member of the Armed Services and Resources Committee. He has been instrumental in efforts to keep military bases in New Jersey, to stop beach erosion, and to support New Jersey hospitals.

Madam Speaker, Jim Saxton has a proud record of service to the State of New Jersey and I am proud to call him my friend. I congratulate Mr. Saxton for all his accomplish-

ments and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce the projects that I have requested for my Congressional District within the Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bills. My office is regularly contacted by non-profit and other organizations within the 19th Congressional District, as well as state and local government entities, to request federal funding as part of the eleven annual appropriations bills. This year sixty-five funding requests were submitted to my office and were reviewed by a ten member advisory board comprised of community leaders throughout the 19th District. The breakdown of members from the three counties was done on an approximate per capita basis.

Based on the recommendations of the board, the following are domestic projects which will be forwarded to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. If more than five requests were received for a particular appropriations bill, rankings by the board were used to reduce the number of requests to five or—in the event of a tie—six.

All of the projects listed below will compete against all of the other projects submitted by Members of Congress for consideration by the Appropriations Committee. Their appearance on this list does not guarantee that they will receive funding, nor that any funding they receive will be in the amount requested.

**Labor-Health-Education Appropriations Bill:**

**Goodling Advanced Skills Center:** The William F. Goodling Regional Advanced Skills Learning Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) training center providing industry-led training to incumbent workers, dislocated workers, and new entrants into the workforce. Training is also provided to high school seniors. The Advanced Skills Learning Center would use this funding to create the Goodling Innovation and New Technology (GIANT) Center. The GIANT Center will help private industry leverage their idle intellectual properties by matching them with existing companies and start-up businesses in need of those technologies, thereby serving as the link between technology excess and technology success. Additionally, funding would be used for startup costs of this initiative, allowing the GIANT Center to develop a resource network in the region, and assist with administrative costs, staffing needs, and marketing initiatives. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because, due to the increasingly competitive nature of the global economy, firms must innovate in order to survive by developing new technologies, products, and processes. The GIANT Center would play a critical role in working with companies, allowing them to remain competitive. (\$300,000)

**William F. Goodling Regional Advanced Skills Center,** 2101 Pennsylvania Avenue, York, PA 17404.

**Hanover Hospital:** Hanover Hospital would use this funding to convert all paper records at the hospital to an electronic medical record system. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the use of such records is proven to

improve clinical outcomes and enables health systems to better define, measure, monitor, and reward quality care. Electronic medical records create efficiencies for patients, physicians, and the hospital. (\$1 million)

Hanover Hospital, 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331.

**Holy Spirit Hospital:** Holy Spirit Hospital would use this funding to provide improved outpatient mental health services for older adults within their Seniors' Behavioral Health Services Outreach Program. Funding would be used to partially support the salary costs of trained psychotherapists providing education and support services and registered nurses providing medical support in lieu of the psychiatrist. In addition, funding would be used to produce educational materials specific to mental health issues concerning older adults. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because current barriers to mental health treatment remain significant, and the mental health needs of older adults in the Cumberland, York and Adams County areas remain largely unmet. (\$100,000)

Holy Spirit Hospital, 503 North 21st Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Memorial Hospital:** Memorial Hospital would use this funding to purchase a new Digital Mammography Unit for the Memorial Hospital Breast Center. The unit would allow for high quality digital breast images to provide earlier diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because breast cancer continues to be on the rise in York County and across the nation. Early detection through mammography is key to early treatment and survival of women diagnosed. (\$100,000)

Memorial Hospital, 325 Belmont Street, York, PA 17403.

**WellSpan Health:** WellSpan Health would use this funding to purchase a remote monitoring system for the York Hospital Emergency Transitional Care Unit, allowing physicians to monitor patients in a distant location without physically leaving the main Emergency Department. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the remote monitoring system would create remote access using video/audio conferencing technology so that a physician could monitor multiple patients at one time. In addition, while caring for a patient in the main emergency department, the physician could answer questions and communicate with patients and families who are waiting in the Emergency Transitional Care Unit, eliminating the constant disruption of walking back and forth. (\$99,500)

WellSpan Health, 912 South George Street, York, PA 17403.

**York College of Pennsylvania:** York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year institution of higher education serving over 5,600 students. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College would use this funding to expand their existing Nursing Department. Specifically, funds would be used to refurbish laboratories and purchase equipment related to the project. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College operates one of the largest bachelorette nursing programs in the region. York College's ability to continue providing a pool of highly educated and trained nursing graduates helps fill the critical demand for nurses, both locally and nationally. (\$500,000)

York College of Pennsylvania, 441 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403.

Homeland Security Appropriations Bill:

**Carroll Valley Borough:** Carroll Valley Borough of Pennsylvania is located in Adams County and is a self-governing incorporated borough. Carroll Valley would use this funding to create a Southwest Adams Regional Fleet Fueling Station for First Responders. This above-ground fuel tank system would be accessible to regional first responders on a 24 hour basis to refuel their vehicles. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would assist the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency (FREMA) in providing resources to first responders during a declared disaster/emergency. (\$80,700)

Carroll Valley Borough, 5685 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

**Cumberland County Government:** Cumberland County would use this funding to construct a new facility for the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Emergency Preparedness (including the Emergency Operations Center), and the 911 Public Safety Answering Point. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the County is a critical regional player in emergency planning and response and this facility would assist Cumberland County in executing these responsibilities. (\$1 million)

Cumberland County Government, 1 Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Agriculture Appropriations Bill:

**NutriCore Northeast:** NutriCore Northeast, a not-for-profit alliance of corporations, industry organizations, research universities, and municipal communities, was established in 2003 as the National Center of Excellence in Food and Nutrition Research. This alliance funds nutrition research programs and coordinates services to both industry and government agencies to maximize their investments in food or nutrition research and development. NutriCore would use these funds for research projects as well as staffing and overhead costs. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because food manufacturing and food safety are critical components in our national economy and society. NutriCore NorthEast is directly supporting the development of healthier foods, and providing technological and scientific resources to farmers and food processors that were previously unavailable to them. (\$500,000)

NutriCore NorthEast, 144 Roosevelt Avenue, York, PA 17401.

**Penn State University—Improved Dairy Management Practices:** Penn State is a public university. Some of the most important challenges facing the dairy industry today lie in the areas of nutrient and emission management. Penn State faculty will use this funding to research nutrient management through cow nutrition modification and the impacts of emission from dairy operations. In addition, funding will be used to develop new technologies to address problems associated with dairy production in Pennsylvania in an effort to improve water quality, lower impacts of air emissions, and use energy more efficiently. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the sale of dairy products accounts for nearly half the farm gate value of Pennsylvania's agricultural income. The profitability of Pennsylvania dairy farms is inextricably tied to management decisions that are being made by farmers. (\$550,000)

Penn State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802.

**Penn State University—Integrated Bioenergy Farm:** Penn State would use this fund-

ing to create an Integrated Bioenergy Farm. Bioenergy crops would be integrated into food production cropping systems relevant to the Northeast. Initially six systems would be implemented at field-scale to demonstrate the opportunities and challenges associated with reducing fossil energy dependence and greenhouse gas production of farming systems. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Bioenergy crops harvested from these fields would be converted into biodiesel at Penn State's student run biodiesel pilot plant, ethanol (including cellulosic) at a nearby Bioenergy International pilot plant, or pelletized at the Penn State Energy Institute. (\$1 million)

Penn State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802.

**Penn State University—Milk Safety Program:** Penn State would use this funding to identify issues in milk and dairy products safety and seek interventions that can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers to continue to improve consumer confidence in the quality of their food supply. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because dairy is the single largest economic component of the Pennsylvania agricultural portfolio. (\$800,000)

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, 117 OLD MAIN, UNIVERSITY PARK, 16802.

**Penn State University—Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Penn State University would use this funding to create a new collaborative research and education program that will help diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. Investment in this special grant would increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Practices to be further investigated include: crop species and cultivars for inclusion in crop rotations that improve the performance of sustainable and organic cropping systems, especially for the Northeast; fine-tuning of management guidelines for mechanical control of cover crops and weeds in conservation and no-tillage systems to reduce or eliminate herbicides; factors that better promote conservation of biological control organisms and beneficial soil microorganisms for weed seed predation and management of other pests; and practices that increase soil organic matter. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the demand for increased farmer understanding and adoption of sustainable farming practices continues to be a high priority in the agricultural community. (\$400,000)

Penn State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802.

Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill:

**Adams County Department of Emergency Services:** Adams County Department of Emergency Services is the Public Safety Answering Point for Adams County. The entity provides Public Safety Communications to all Emergency Response Agencies within Adams County. Adams County would use this funding to develop a new, standards based wireless communication system that will operate in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the system would be capable of supporting all public safety operations in the County and would allow for increased interoperability. (\$200,000)

Adams County Department of Emergency Services, 230 Greenamy Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17321.



**Carlisle Borough:** Carlisle Borough is a municipal government located in Cumberland County. Carlisle Borough would use this funding to acquire between 25 and 50 surveillance cameras to be installed in public areas in downtown Carlisle. The cameras would be operated remotely at the Carlisle Police Department. Cameras would be of a mobile, wireless variety so that they can be relocated if necessary. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Carlisle has experienced an increase in crime, specifically robberies, which pose a public safety threat. The project is expected to deter crime and assist in the apprehension of suspects. (\$200,000)

Carlisle Borough, 53 West South Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

**Cumberland County Government:** Cumberland County would use this funding to relocate and replace communications infrastructure that is essential to the operation of the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Emergency Preparedness (including the Emergency Operations Center), and the 911 Public Safety Answering Point. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the County is a critical regional player in emergency planning and response and this facility would assist Cumberland County in executing these responsibilities. (\$200,000)

Cumberland County Government, 1 Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013.

**Survivors, Inc:** Survivors, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which supports individuals who experience domestic violence or sexual assault. Survivors, Inc. provides a 24-hour crisis counseling hotline, shelter services, transitional housing, supportive counseling, support groups, and legal advocacy for individuals affected by domestic violence or sexual assault. Survivors, Inc. would use this funding to partially fund staff salaries, on-call stipends, and expenses for hotline provision. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because safety is one of the most essential needs to both individuals and society. When an individual is not safe in their own home they must have resources available to them to meet their needs. (\$25,000)

Survivors, Inc., 233 West High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

**York County Children's Advocacy Center:** The York County Children's Advocacy Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that works to reduce the trauma of child abuse investigations, foster professional collaboration and cooperation, and promote education and advocacy regarding the prevention of child abuse within the community. The York County Children's Advocacy Center would use this funding to establish the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Team. SAFE Team members are registered nurses who have advanced education and clinical preparation in forensic examination of sexual assault victims. The SAFE Team would provide compassionate care to victims of child abuse by simultaneously gathering evidence of a crime. Funds would be used to purchase medical supplies and cover exam costs. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York County ranks as the third highest county in our Commonwealth for substantiated cases of child abuse. Currently, less than 10% of the children involved in substantiated cases receive a forensic medical exam. (\$60,000)

York County Children's Advocacy Center, 28 South Queen Street, York, PA 17403.

**Interior, Environment Appropriations Bill:**

**Adams County Historical Society:** Adams County Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization that identifies, preserves, and tells the stories of people, organizations, businesses, and events that have shaped Adams County, Pennsylvania. Adams County Historical Society would use this funding to restore Schmucker Hall, a building that was constructed in 1832 for use as a campus building for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. After its restoration, Schmucker Hall will be used as a museum. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Schmucker Hall is nationally significant to United States history, and elements of the building are in poor condition. Its national significance has been recognized by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. (\$400,000)

Adams County Historical Society, 111 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

**Carlisle Borough:** Carlisle Borough is a municipal government located in Cumberland County. Carlisle Borough would use this funding to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant facility to achieve the point source effluent nutrient cap loads targeted by the Department of Environmental Protection's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this project is mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to benefit the Chesapeake Bay. (\$160,000)

Carlisle Borough, 53 West South Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

**Gettysburg National Military Park:** Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Gettysburg National Military Park would use funding to develop plans and implement activities which enhance and preserve the resources of the historic district. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because technical assistance funding for the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District helps accomplish vital historic preservation goals of the National Park Service and the Gettysburg community. (\$100,000)

Gettysburg National Military Park, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

**York City Sewer Authority:** The York City Sewer Authority is a public, municipal authority providing wastewater services for residential, commercial, and industrial users in an eight-municipality service area. The York City Sewer Authority would use this funding to construct a new headworks facility, which includes the replacement of the building's heating and ventilation system and replacement of the activated carbon bed in the building's odor control system. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the combined improvements provide the most cost-effective solution for updating infrastructure for the authority's residents and businesses. (\$160,000)

York City Sewer Authority, 1701 Blackbridge Road, York, PA 17402.

**York County Government:** York County Government would use this funding to create a digital Countrywide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database that will contain all of the major water system features in York Coun-

ty, along with their location and attributes. This information would be standardized throughout the county and could be shared with all participating water companies and all levels of government. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the water infrastructure within York County continues to rapidly expand to meet the requirements of high development pressure, while the need to maintain its aging components must be fulfilled. It is critical to know where the water infrastructure is located and attributes, such as age, size, and capacity of each component. (\$125,000)

York County Government, 28 East Market Street, York, PA 17401.

**Energy, Water Appropriations Bill:**

**Renewable Energy (Photovoltaic) Project:** If this project is funded, PPG Industries would be expected to compete for the contract. PPG Industries is a diversified manager that supplies paints, coatings, chemicals, optical products, specialty materials, glass, and fiber glass. PPG is a publically traded company located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. PPG would use this funding to develop advanced, in-line process technologies to fabricate thin-film solar cells. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because thin-film technologies could be directly integrated into current manufacturing glass processes in order to reduce the cost per watt while optimizing the photovoltaic supply chain to accelerate the introduction of alternative energy sources in the market. (\$1 million)

PPG Industries, 400 Park Drive, Carlisle, PA 17301.

**Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill:**

**Carlisle Borough:** Carlisle Borough is a municipal government located in Cumberland County. The Borough of Carlisle would use this funding to carry out the recommendations of the Downtown Traffic Safety and Mobility Project, a comprehensive traffic study of downtown Carlisle. Funding would be used to: reduce High and Hanover Streets from two lanes to one lane in each direction; add bicycle lanes to both sides of High and Hanover Streets; install camera-activated traffic signals; install "bump-out" curbs at all intersections; and implement a truck mitigation program to reduce truck traffic. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, calm traffic, reduce air and noise pollution, encourage multi-modal transportation, and revitalize downtown Carlisle. (\$1 million)

Carlisle Borough, 53 West South Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

**Cumberland County Government:** Cumberland County would use funding to engineer, design, and replace Craighead Bridge. Craighead Bridge is a 110 year-old steel thru truss bridge that carries nearly 2000 vehicles per day across the Yellow Breeches Creek. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Craighead Bridge has been named one of the worst bridges in Pennsylvania and is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and has an estimated remaining life span of four years. (\$1 million)

Cumberland County Government, 1 Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013.



**Cumberland County Government:** Cumberland County would use funding to engineer, design, and replace Orr's Bridge. Orr's Bridge is a 52-year-old pre-stressed non-composite adjacent box beam structure that carries over 12,000 vehicles per day across the Conodoguinet Creek. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the current design has been proven to accelerate deterioration of the bridge's structural system and in turn increases its susceptibility to sudden collapse. (\$1 million)

Cumberland County Government, 1 Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013.

**Rabbitransit:** The York County Transportation Authority (Rabbitransit) is the public transportation provider for York County. Rabbitransit would use this funding to relocate its facility to a location that could house all 86 buses. The current location can only house 65 buses. Due to rapid growth over the past decade, Rabbitransit has been providing increasingly valuable service to the community. However, because of the growth, Rabbitransit is completely out of parking space and the bus facility has become overcrowded. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project would provide Rabbitransit with the ability to continue to meet the needs of the community. (\$1 million)

Rabbitransit, 1230 Roosevelt Avenue, York, PA 17404.

**Springettsbury Township:** Springettsbury Township is a local government located within York County, Pennsylvania. Springettsbury Township would use this funding to improve the intersection of Northern Way and East Market Street. Specifically, the funding would be used to add a westbound right turn lane to Northern Way. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide a safe access point to the Township's retail, entertainment, and industrial center, while strengthening and enhancing the commercial and industrial redevelopment in the area. (\$930,732)

Springettsbury Township, 1501 Mount Zion Road, York, PA 17402.

**West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board:** West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board is a non-profit organization dedicated to the planning for and funding of a 113 acre recreation park in West Manheim Township in Hanover, Pennsylvania. The Board would use this funding to outfit two regulation-sized baseball fields with backstops, bases, scoreboards, specialized infield dirt, field drainage systems, and fencing. The funding would also be used to purchase two sets of restroom facilities. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the facilities in the park will provide a safe outlet for the activities of the local youth population. The West Manheim Recreation Park will be a premier destination for Southern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland residents. (\$300,000)

West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board, 15 Waterview Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

The board also approved forwarding the following defense projects to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration:

Defense Appropriations Bill:

**5" Extended Range Insensitive Munition Projectile:** This request would provide funding

to produce Extended Range Insensitive Munition (ERIM). ERIM projectile is a promising technology for providing extended range and accuracy improvement for the 5" Naval Gun system. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because extended range and accuracy will enable the Naval warfighter to confidently engage specific point targets in both rural and urban terrains. The munition is produced in part by the General Dynamics facility located in Red Lion, Pennsylvania. (\$4 million over the President's Budget)

General Dynamics, 200 East High Street, Red Lion, PA 17356.

**EFSS Precision Extended Range Munition:** The EFSS is a close fire support, all-weather, quick responsive indirect fire system supporting Marine Expeditionary Units. The system is produced in part by the General Dynamics facility located in Red Lion, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide Research, Development, Test & Evaluation dollars to greatly expand the munition range for the EFSS system. (\$10 million over the President's Budget)

General Dynamics, 200 East High Street, Red Lion, PA 17356.

**Future Medical Shelter System:** This project would fund the production of a successor to the current tent-based field hospital that has served the Army well but is currently marked for phase-out. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the 21st Century Military Hospital System is a mobile medical unit that incorporates superior quality in medical care. Gichner Shelter Systems, located in Dallastown, Pennsylvania would design and manufacture the specialty ISO containers used in the mobile medical units (\$9.5 million over the President's Budget)

Gichner Shelter Systems, 490 East Locust Street, Dallastown, PA 17313.

**Improved Recovery Vehicle (M88A2):** This project would fund the remanufacturing and upgrade of the M88A1 to provide safe and effective recovery capability for the M1 Abrams Tanks. The Abrams Tanks are manufactured in part by the BAE Systems facility located in York, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the tanks are used extensively in Operations Iraqi Freedom and these upgrades will satisfy major deficiencies identified during Operation Desert Storm. (\$72.8 million above the President's Budget)

BAE Systems, 1100 Bairs Road, York, PA 17405.

**Paladin Integrated Management (PIM):** This project would fund the completion of testing and evaluation of the PIM self-propelled howitzer and companion ammunition resupply vehicle. These vehicles are manufactured in part by the BAE Systems facility located in York, Pennsylvania. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the changes to this vehicle will reduce the logistics footprint thereby reducing operational and support costs. (\$9 million above the President's Budget)

BAE Systems, 1100 Bairs Road, York, PA 17405.

Military Construction Appropriations Bill:

**York Readiness Center:** Funding would be provided to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard to provide soldiers with modern facilities in which to assemble and train in York,

Pennsylvania. It would also allow the Guard to close two undersized, inadequate armories now in use. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the facility will incorporate sustainable design features to achieve LEED NC 2.2 USGBC Silver Certification and improved energy efficiencies. In addition, the new site would implement required Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection. (\$12.8 million)

York Eden Road RC, York, PA.

Members of the advisory board included:

Adams County: Steve Niebler, Director, Adams County Office for Aging, and John R. Peters, Adams County Farm Bureau. Cumberland County: Dean Clepper, Principal (retired), South Middleton School District; John Connolly, Former Chief Clerk, Cumberland County; and Jerry Nailor, Former State Representative, 88th Legislative District. York County: Carl Anderson, President, Community Progress Council Board of Directors, Metro York; Eric Menzer, Wagman Construction, Metro York; Steve Nickol, Former State Representative, 193rd Legislative District; Mario Pirritano, Supervisor, Fairview Township; and Peg Weaver, Former President, Gettysburg-Adams Chamber of Commerce.

## RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GLENDA BOOTH

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glenda Booth, an outstanding environmental activist from Fairfax County. On Saturday, April 25th Ms. Booth will receive the Liz Hartwell Conservation Award for her decades of service to her community.

Ms. Booth has served as Chair of the Wetlands Board of Fairfax County, and spearheaded the first program in the state to implement Living Shorelines to protect the upper tidal reaches of the Potomac River, reducing erosion and nutrient pollution that would flow to the Chesapeake Bay.

She has promoted environmental stewardship through the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, Virginia Conservation Network, Friends of Westgrove Park, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, Friends of Dyke Marsh, and numerous watershed management advisory committees. She was instrumental in helping me develop and implement Fairfax County's environmental agenda, which the Board of Supervisors adopted shortly after I was elected Chairman. This comprehensive environmental plan addresses topics ranging from natural landscaping to the reduction of endocrine disruptor pollution. Without Ms. Booth's extraordinary scientific expertise and political acumen the County's environmental policies would not be as inclusive or effective as they are today.

Ms. Booth also is an able advocate at the state and federal levels. By leading the Friends of Dyke Marsh, she has spearheaded efforts to protect wildlife and aquatic life at this remarkable marsh in Fairfax. Through her participation in the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, she has championed stronger environmental policy at the statewide level. Prior to her wide-ranging volunteerism in the community, Ms. Booth served as staff to Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN of California. This professional experience equipped her to be a highly effective community activist.

Advocates like Ms. Booth have initiated every significant environmental legislative achievement in the past, whether it is legislation to clean up toxic waste at sites such as Love Canal or protect local habitats in Dyke Marsh and Mason Neck. I am grateful for her service, which is more valuable than ever as federal, state, and local governments confront environmental challenges ranging from climate change to restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join with me in congratulating Glenda Booth on receiving the Liz Hartwell Conservation Award to recognize three decades of environmental activism.

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WE MUST PREVENT ANOTHER  
HOLOCAUST

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, at ten o'clock this morning, the nation of Israel observed two minutes of silence in observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. For those two minutes, all activity in the country ceased to honor the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis during the madness of the Final Solution. For Israelis, the Holocaust remains the crucible that produced their state and its impact is felt daily across Israeli society—from politics to the arts.

Here in the United States, the Holocaust is more remote. The GIs who helped to liberate the Nazi death camps more than six decades ago are fading into history and the grainy black and white footage of the victims images that stunned the world in the 1940s—now seem distant to many Americans.

For Israelis, though, the Holocaust serves as an omnipresent reminder of the historical insecurity of the Jewish people for whom persecution and exile have characterized two millennia of wandering from their ancient homeland. Coupled with Israel's mainly hostile and fundamentally unstable neighbors, the memory of Hitler's attempt to exterminate European Jewry has served to make Israelis extraordinarily vigilant in the face of constant security threats.

Israeli security analysts have focused their concern in recent years on Iran, which they see as the most critical existential threat to the Jewish state.

Through its support for Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza and the West Bank, Tehran has taken up positions along Israel's borders and its proxies have repaid their Iranian masters handsomely by provoking large-scale military actions by Israel in 2006 and December of last year.

Through its relentless pursuit of the nuclear fuel cycle, Iran's radical regime seeks to dominate the region and to erect a permanent threat to Israel's security and the Israeli people.

Through its statements and the virulence of state-controlled media, Iranian leaders, particularly President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad are clearly fixated on the demonization and destruction of Israel. Just yesterday, the Iranian president sparked a walkout at a United Nations racism conference in Geneva when he launched into a rambling rant against Israel and Jews. The prospect of Ahmadinejad with nuclear weapons is one that keeps many Israelis up at night and should be keeping many of us awake as well.

Given the potential consequences, the United States must make the prevention of Iran developing the bomb a cornerstone of both its strategy for the Middle East and its nonproliferation agenda. To do otherwise would place Israel in Iran's nuclear crosshairs and likely spur a regional arms race as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates could seek to match any Iranian nuclear weapons capability.

I support President Obama's decision to reach out to Tehran and I believe that tough, concerted diplomacy can be effective in getting the Iranian government to reassess its nuclear policy. But to be effective, that diplomacy must include a wide range of both inducements and disincentives. And it must take into account the character and nature of the current Iranian regime. And, finally, those charged with executing the policy must be willing to consider other alternatives should diplomacy fail.

Tehran's current declared enrichment activities at its Natanz facility are subject to regular inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which should be able to spot diversion or any attempt to produce weapons grade material before it can be turned into a weapon. As long as the IAEA can maintain its surveillance of the Natanz facility, any Iranian intention to produce weapons-grade material there is likely to be frustrated.

What concerns many senior officials in Israel, here in the United States and in Europe, is the possibility that Iran, which continues to withhold a lot of information about its nuclear program, may have a parallel, secret nuclear program that is beyond the reach of the IAEA and western intelligence monitoring. As David Albright, the President of the Institute for Science and International Security, told the Financial Times last week, aside from Natanz "we don't know anything about what they are doing, how many centrifuges they have made, or whether they are ready to go with a duplicate facility that would allow them to produce fissile material."

The juxtaposition of renewed diplomatic overtures and the unease over the extent of what we do not know about Iran's capabilities or its intentions, may strengthen our hand with the other permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany, who are working to produce a collective response to the Iranian nuclear challenge. If our international partners perceive a new American willingness to explore seriously the prospect for a negotiated resolution to the Iran problem, they may also be ready to consider the more robust coercive measures that may become necessary if Iran is shown to be pursuing a nuclear weapons capability.

International cohesion will be absolutely vital if we are to resolve this standoff without resorting to force. Tehran has been adroit at exploiting differences between the United States and its international partners, some of whom have been unwilling to consider the possibility that President Ahmadinejad's vitriol is not merely intended for domestic consumption but is a real reflection of his murderous intentions. This could prove a tragic mistake.

Seventy-five years ago, Europeans, Americans and even many German Jews dismissed Hitler's threats against the Jews as political posturing. How could Germany, a nation with a rich and distinguished culture, whose cities embodied the best of cosmopolitan Europe, follow a depraved Austrian corporal into the depths of hatred? Humanity paid an enormous price for its passivity and the world pledged "never again."

We may now be faced with a similar threat from another society with a rich culture going back thousands of years and a sophisticated citizenry. Do we dismiss Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as a hate-filled demagogue, or do we take his threats seriously? All of us—Americans, Israelis, Europeans and Russians—would be well advised to remember the past, even as we work towards what we hope will be a safer tomorrow.

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RECOGNIZING 22ND ANNIVERSARY  
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**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, in October 1987 the first issue of the Inland Empire Hispanic News was published. To date, we celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of this initial publication. The paper has been widely accepted by both the Hispanic public and the Inland Empire as the premier publication in the distribution areas, with a probable 4.5 person readership per individual paper. The Inland Empire Hispanic News has continually published the tabloid on a bimonthly basis for the past 22 years and has successfully reached out to the Inland Empire communities of Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, Upland, Riverside, and Corona. Since its incorporation, the Inland Empire Hispanic News has been recognized with well over 35 awards varying from congressional, state, city, and other civic and non-profit organizations for its journalistic contributions to the Hispanic community and the Inland Empire.

The newspaper was founded by Mr. Graciano Gomez, who saw an urgent need for a newspaper that would exemplify the positive Hispanic attributes, and further the education, socio-economic and business issues prevalent in the Inland Empire. Mr. Gomez understood that in order to advocate for the greater Hispanic community, he needed to provide a common unified communication vehicle that highlighted both the positive accomplishments within the greater community, as well as the public policies and issues at hand. Mr. Gomez organized a meeting with diverse community leaders and founded the Board of Directors consisting of Ray Abril Jr., Aurelio De La

Torre, Esther Mata, Arthur Milian, George Martinez, Ray Nieves, and of course Mr. Graciano Gomez as Chairperson and Publisher. The Board established that the major goals of the Inland Empire Hispanic News would be the advocacy of education, economic development, volunteerism, and political activity that were of critical interest to the greater Hispanic community.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News has since been one of the leading newspapers to highlight important public and social policies in regards to health, education, economic development, and business news. It captures the heart of the greater Inland Empire community by sharing the inspiring stories of outstanding role models of leaders in the community, business, education, and non-profit sectors, and individuals and families who are making positive contributions to our society. The paper has also become a primary source for many interested in current issues, news events, advocacy opportunities and available resources.

With the hard work and commitment of Mr. Gomez and his wife of 30 years, Mrs. Trini Gomez, the Inland Empire Hispanic News provided input from elected officials, governmental agencies, community based organizations, individuals, business and other sources relative to issues and interests of the greater Hispanic community. Since the publication's inception, Mrs. Trini Gomez has played a vital role in the development and on going operation of the newspaper. Together they have made this dream of a creating a vital resource for the Hispanic population within the Inland Empire a reality.

However, the dream of this newspaper, its mission and great accomplishments would not have been possible without Mr. Graciano Gomez. Mr. Gomez was raised in the Inland Empire, graduating from Redlands High School in 1943. Immediately following graduation he was called into the United States Air Force, serving in the India/Burma Theater of War. After being honorably discharged in 1946 he was employed at Norton Air Force Base. In 1952, he resigned in order to accept a position in the County of San Bernardino. He served 34 years with the County of San Bernardino and associated agencies and was recognized for his civil service career by state and county officials.

Since his military discharge in 1946, Mr. Gomez has established himself as a professional pillar of the Inland community, while also continuing a passion and commitment for community service.

After experiencing many injustices, Mr. Gomez is driven to advocate for the Hispanic community within the Inland Empire. He is dedicated to promoting quality education for all youth, and encouraging civic volunteerism, as well as political and socio-economic involvement. His continual service to the Inland Empire has been recognized with over 73 awards varying from the diocese, congressional, state, city, and other civic and nonprofit organizations.

One of his greatest accomplishments however, is the establishment of the Inland Empire Hispanic News in 1987. In honor and celebration of the 22 years of publication of the Inland Empire Hispanic News, we would like to congratulate Mr. Graciano Gomez for his life long service and commitment to the greater Hispanic community. The Inland Empire Hispanic News has demonstrated an ability to outreach

and bring to light the important issues affecting the Hispanic community and by doing so has been an inspirational influence of positive change within the Inland Empire.

#### TRIBUTE TO GUY EMANUELE

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to Guy Emanuele, former Superintendent of the New Haven Unified School District in Union City, California. On April 24, 2009, the New Haven Schools Foundation will host its 2nd Annual Scholarship luncheon. Friends, colleagues and admirers of Mr. Emanuele will gather at the luncheon to recognize his many years of service to the New Haven Community.

Mr. Emanuele has spent 49 years as a teacher, counselor, administrator and school district trustee. He began his teaching career in 1956 at Barnard Junior High School, now Barnard-White Middle School in Union City. After working as counselor and administrator for several years, he was hired as the school district's superintendent in 1976.

When he took the post, the New Haven school district had existed for only 11 years, and there had already been three superintendents. Guy Emanuele, according to Union City Mayor Mark Green, "found New Haven a district of bricks and he left it a district of marble . . . He was the most important person in the school district's history."

Under Mr. Emanuele's 22-year tenure as superintendent, New Haven created an alternative high school, passed several bond measures and focused on educating students through athletics, arts and extracurricular activities, in addition to academics. As a superintendent and school board member, he maintained a vision of holistic education and advocated for top-notch extracurricular activities to keep students engaged throughout the day and after school. He believes it is cost effective to establish athletics and arts programs on campuses because they keep students engaged and out of trouble.

Guy Emanuele also established the New Haven Schools Foundation in 1981 to provide an alternative source of funds for co-curricular and extra-curricular programs. The Foundation also provided much of the initial funding for cutting-edge technology for the New Haven School District that made New Haven a model for other California school districts.

He retired as superintendent of the New Haven Unified School District in 1998. After leaving New Haven, Guy Emanuele, a longtime Fremont, California resident, was elected to the Fremont Unified School Board, where he served until 2006.

Guy Emanuele has earned the respect of educators as well as the community for his exemplary contributions to students. I join in expressing appreciation to him for his commitment and dedication.

#### RECOGNIZING HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

### HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today, April 21, 2009, to recognize the Holocaust Remembrance Day and to remember and honor the 6 million Jews, among them one-and-a-half million children, who perished during one of mankind's worst atrocities.

As we remember those who were persecuted and who lost their lives, it is also important to honor the countless numbers of people, who at great risk to both themselves and their families, risked everything to come to the aid of the Jews of Europe.

Today we must also pay tribute to the American soldiers, who as a result of their heroic service, liberated a continent besieged by terror and helped to extinguish the flames of the Holocaust.

The wounds of the Holocaust still remain and we must be vigilant in this day and age to confront those who deny the Holocaust or continue to foment agendas of hate and anti-Semitism.

I also want to recognize The Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida which is located in my district. The museum, and others like it around the country, exists so that this generation of Americans can learn the importance of tolerance and vigilance. The museum has begun a program where the community's students can meet and reflect with the estimated 100 Holocaust Survivors who call Southwest Florida home. In addition, thousands of students from Southwest Florida visit the museum each year in order to learn and remember the Holocaust and its lessons.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of our colleagues to recognize the importance of the Holocaust Remembrance Day. In doing so, we will continue to fulfill our vow of, "never again."

#### RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of Fauquier County, Virginia, on May 1, 2009. I am honored to represent a portion of this county as part of the 10th District of Virginia.

Fauquier County has a rich and venerable history. The land known as Fauquier County dates back to the early days of our nation, originally described in 1608 as part of the Northern Neck proprietary. It was formed from part of Prince William County in 1759, and named for the Lieutenant Governor Francis Fauquier, who served the Commonwealth from 1758 to 1768. Militiamen fought in the French and Indian Wars in defense of the British Colony, and later participated in the creation of a new nation during the American Revolution.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall, the father of judicial review and America's

most esteemed judge, was a native son of Fauquier County. It was the scene of many important military engagements during the Civil War and served as the base of operations for Colonel John S. Mosby. The county contributed hundreds of soldiers, including five generals, to the Confederate Army during that conflict. Sons and daughters of Fauquier have served with distinction in every armed conflict of the 20th century.

Fauquier County is renowned for its pastoral scenery, agriculture and equine industries, and its open space. Visitors from other states and countries around the world come to enjoy its rich history, warm hospitality and recreational offerings. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and celebrating the rich history of Fauquier County, Virginia, and in congratulating its citizens upon its 250th anniversary.

**HONORING MASTER SERGEANT  
ROBERT MORRELL FOR HIS  
MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN  
THE MARINE CORPS AND TO THE  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Robert Morrell of Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 of Willow Grove, PA for his service to the Marine Corps and to the U.S. Postal Service. At fifty-eight years old, he is preparing to deploy to Iraq.

Master Sergeant Morrell joined the Marine Corps in 1969 and spent four years on active duty. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal for his service in the South China Sea. He was also deployed in the Mediterranean. Master Sergeant Morrell became a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in 1979. He now serves as the financial secretary of The National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 540 Camden NJ Merged. He retired from the postal service on August 31, 2007.

Madam Speaker, Master Sergeant Morrell rejoined the Marine Corps Reserves in 1990. During his two Marine Corps careers he has earned a Selected Marine Corps Reserve medal, a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Marine Corps Good Conduct medal, and the National Defense Service medal. In 2007, he was promoted to Master Sergeant in the Marine Corps. When his retirement date from the Marine Corps loomed close, Master Sergeant Morrell chose instead to continue with his unit. He is now getting ready to serve his country in Iraq, just as he served in Vietnam. He is an excellent example for all Americans. I congratulate Mr. Morrell on his tremendous dedication to this country and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER ACT  
OF 2009**

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, this past weekend President Obama ap-

pointed Aneesh Chopra, Virginia's Secretary of Technology, to serve as our nation's Chief Technology Officer.

It was an excellent choice to fill a very important position.

On February 25, the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. MORAN, and I wrote a letter to President Obama urging him to appoint Mr. Chopra because we believed his public and private sector experience made him eminently qualified for the post.

As we make unprecedented investments in innovative technology through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Mr. Chopra's leadership will help us save taxpayer dollars, make government more efficient, ensure accountability, and reinvigorate our economy.

I recently introduced a bill to make it a permanent position by statute. I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring H.R. 1910 to ensure that the Presidentially-appointed Chief Technology Officer will be part of future administrations.

**TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.  
GEORGE EDWARD McRAE**

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to my pastor, Reverend Dr. George Edward McRae on his 50th anniversary in the ministry and 20 years at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church.

Located in the heart of Miami, Florida's Liberty City at 1701 Northwest 66th Street, this citadel of faith has been and continues to be a beacon of comfort and hope in our community while dedicating itself to providing spirituality, service and guidance.

A native son of Florida, Rev. Dr. McRae graduated from Central Academy High School in Palatka; received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach; Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta where his doctoral dissertation was entitled, *The Triangle of Death in the African-American Community: Drugs, Prison, and HIV/AIDS*.

Under the leadership of our beloved, Rev. Dr. McRae, Mt. Tabor has taken an active and progressive role in directly addressing the temporal, as well as spiritual needs of our neighbors. I want to commend him for his tireless apostolate in ministering to those who were imprisoned, to the hungry and to all those seeking the love and solace of a Church that seeks to affirm and confirm their dignity as God's children.

Rev. Dr. McRae's humanitarian spirit is evidenced by his tireless efforts in establishing an HIV/AIDS ministry at Mt. Tabor to comfort and solace those suffering from HIV/AIDS. Moreover, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous and Prison, Feeding, Shoebox, Job, Sick and Shut-In ministries are all under his guidance and leadership.

My pastor's anniversary in the ministry and at Mt. Tabor takes on a meaning much greater than the passage of time, for Rev. Dr. McRae and the Church have met the spiritual needs

of thousands of people who came before us, and through the grace of God will continue to do so for another century to come. It is a magnificent legacy we will celebrate.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Reverend Dr. George Edward McRae, a humble servant of God, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the 17th Congressional District of Florida.

**TRIBUTE TO LULU MAE TURNER  
HOOVER**

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Kentucky's most esteemed residents and community servants, Lulu Mae Turner Hoover. Born on January 28, 1938 in Wayne County, she was the third of 12 children born to Clyde and Wilmoth Penticuff Turner. She married Welby Hoover on April 8, 1956 and the couple had three children.

Throughout her life Mae contributed greatly to not only her community, but the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. She started the annual Food for the Needy Drive in Russell County which now feeds nearly 300 families every year at Christmas time. Together with her husband Welby, they started the Lakefest Celebration on the square in Jamestown which is held every 4th of July. From 1987 to 1988, she served as State Representative for Russell, Clinton, Wayne and Cumberland counties, a post also held by her husband and son. Mae was President of the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women; a member of the Board of Directors of the Russell County Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District; a member of the Russell County Jaycee Hall of Fame and Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame; Russell County Business and Professional Women's Club "Woman of the Year;" received the Russell County Tourism Commission "Distinguished Service Award;" and served as a Delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

Mae passed away on June 6, 2008. For all her accomplishments, Mae treasured her family above all else. Her life serves as a shining example to us all of the importance of giving back to your community and living life to the fullest.

**IN HONOR OF MARVIN BUCHHOLZ  
OF HAM LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marvin Buchholz of Ham Lake, Minnesota for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Ham Lake Fire Department. A resident of Ham Lake his entire life, Marvin is the last remaining charter member of the department.

Since its inception in 1969, the Ham Lake Fire Department has seen many firefighters

come and go, but every one of them has known Marvin. Marvin's first firefighting experience was as a high school student. As his school bus passed by a grass fire, members of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources asked the bus riders to help put the blaze out.

As the close-knit community expanded, the fire department was established and its responsibilities grew. They started with grass fires and are now trained to handle natural disasters and domestic terrorism. In a way familiar to many Ham Lake residents, Marvin explains, "The fire department is advancing further and further and further than just putting the wet stuff on the red stuff."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marvin Buchholz for demonstrating honor and loyalty to the Ham Lake Fire Department for 40 years. As a District Chief, Marvin has seen more calls to service than any other department firefighter and deserves our sincerest appreciation.

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HONORING PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RECIPIENT EDWARD J. TINNEY OF SPRING HILL, FL

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**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero and distinguished recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation. Mr. Edward J. Tinney of Spring Hill, Florida was a proud member of the Alpha Troop, First Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in South Vietnam. The unit was awarded the rare and prestigious citation in recognition of their determination under extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions.

In 1970 in the Republic of South Vietnam, Mr. Tinney's unit distinguished itself through a series of daunting combat missions over many months. After a five-year review, the Department of Defense recommended this small unit for the Citation, a very rare honor. The professional skill and personal devotion displayed by Mr. Tinney and his unit reflect their immense commitment and sacrifice.

Since its inception in 1941, the Citation has been awarded fewer than 100 times to include the Second World War, the Korean War, the Cold War, the war in Vietnam, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan and only five units as small as Mr. Tinney's have received the Citation. To be singled out in this manner is a distinct honor.

Madam Speaker, soldiers like Mr. Tinney should be recognized for their service to our nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Tinney and his unit on their long overdue Presidential Unit Citation. His family, friends and loved ones should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

HONORING THE ASSYRIAN  
DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the thirtieth anniversary of the Assyrian Democratic Movement in Iraq.

The Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM) is an ethnic Assyrian political party that was established on April 12, 1979. The party was formed in response to the oppressive brutality of the Al-Baath regime and its attempt to forcibly remove ethnic Assyrians from their native lands. Under the leadership of Yonadam Kanna the struggle came to a head in 1982 when the group began an armed battle against the Iraqi regime.

After two decades of building the ADM, former President George W. Bush officially designated the group as a recognized Iraqi opposition movement. In December 2002 this designation allowed for President Bush to invoke articles four and five of the Iraqi Liberation Act of 1998 as a means of allowing the United States government to provide financial resources to the ADM. Yonadam Kanna has served as an integral member of the movement and he has participated in meetings and conferences with world leaders to pursue the ideology of the ADM. Mr. Kanna served on the temporary Iraqi Governing Council that was established after the fall of Saddam Hussein and is currently serving as president of the party.

Today, the party stands for the same political goals that it stood for thirty years ago; to defend their people and to create a free democratic Iraq. The movement calls for the recognition of the rights of all Assyrians and to unify the various individual identities, including Chaldean, Syriac and Assyrian.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Assyrian Democratic Movement on thirty years of commitment to creating a free and democratic Iraq. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the Assyrian Democratic Movement many years of continued success.

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RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of several students in Northern Virginia. These students have participated and excelled in programs administered by their local Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher Student Associations.

Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students. The Northern Virginia District PTA consists of a region with more than 220 schools. Schools located throughout Northern Virginia are consistently recognized as being among the very best schools in our country. I strongly believe one factor in the excellent

education received by our students is the high level of involvement and encouragement provided by parents through the PTA and PTSAs. At its annual meeting and dinner, the Northern Virginia District PTA recognized the following students for their outstanding achievements:

In the category of District PTA Citizenship Essay Awards—High School Division the winners are Paul Capp, a senior at McLean High School, and Lisa Pang, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

In the category of District PTA Citizenship Essay Awards—Middle School Division the winners are Cali Willcockson, a seventh grader at Liberty Middle School, and Ji Soo Song, an eighth grader at Rocky Run Middle School.

A separate special congratulations goes to Paul Capp of McLean High School for placing 3rd in the Virginia State PTA Citizenship Essay Contest—High School Division and to Ji Soo Song who won 1st place in the Virginia State PTA Citizenship Essay Contest—Middle School Division.

The following students were recognized in the category of Virginia PTA Outstanding Interpretation Awards, which recognize artistic achievement: Literature: Senior Division—Alexander Kopenhagen, (9th grade), Washington-Lee High School. Music Composition: Primary Division—Pierre Quan, (2nd grade), Forestville Elementary School; Intermediate Division—Kyle Gatesman, (3rd grade), Canterbury Woods Elementary School. In Photography: Middle/Junior Division—Courtney E. Brown, (6th grade), Bull Run Elementary School. In Visual Art: Primary Division—Kaitlin Phan, (2nd grade), Colin Powell Elementary School; Intermediate Division—Jamie H. Chang, (5th grade), Union Mill Elementary School; Senior Division—William W. Park, (11th grade), Langley High School.

The Frieda M. Koontz Scholarship Award has been awarded to Monica Choudhury, a senior at James Madison High School in Vienna. This scholarship awarded by the Virginia PTA will provide \$1,200 to Ms. Choudhury as she begins her studies at the University of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today to recognize the outstanding achievements of these students. I also ask that we recognize the Northern Virginia District PTA, in partnership with the Virginia PTA, as they work diligently to develop the diversity of talents and skills of students attending schools throughout Northern Virginia. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of these students and the Parent Teacher Associations that support them.

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FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION  
AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

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SPEECH OF

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, "The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act," which is before us today, contains a so-called "special rule for cigarettes" in Section 907 of the bill that would ban flavored cigarettes—with the exception of menthol flavored cigarettes.

Since the legislation allows the sale of menthol cigarettes, which are produced in the United States and in my home State, while banning clove cigarettes, which are imported primarily from Indonesia, the Indonesian Government has made it clear that it considers this provision an attempt to discriminate against imported clove cigarette products in favor of a competing U.S. product—and thus section 907 in the bill runs contrary to the free-trade commitments the United States has made as part of the WTO.

According to WTO rules Mr. Speaker, an imported “good” (clove cigarettes) should receive treatment that is “no less favorable than that provided to a domestic good.” Adhering to this principle would appear to require that clove cigarettes be treated no less favorably than menthol cigarettes and thus under this bill both should be exempt from the prohibition on flavored cigarettes or both should be banned in order to ensure there is no unfair discrimination in the treatment of the two products. The latter option is not an option at all in my opinion but neither is ignoring the concerns of our ally Indonesia, a country well known to our President.

For years now, senior officials of the Indonesian Government have repeatedly and doggedly attempted to communicate their country's concerns to U.S. legislators and executive branch policy-makers alike—to no avail. The communique from the Indonesian Ambassador to Chairman WAXMAN, as well as the Indonesian Trade Minister's dispatch to former Ambassador Schwab clearly articulate the imperative the Indonesian Government places on the trade violation contained in “The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.”

Last year, the HHS Secretary sent a letter to Congress expressing various concerns about Mr. WAXMAN's bill on behalf of the Administration. Among his concerns he included the following statement about the bill's prohibition on imported clove cigarettes that reflects the concerns expressed by the Indonesian Government:

There is a further issue regarding the bill that I would like to bring to your attention. Our trading partners believe that by banning the sale of clove cigarettes but not prohibiting the sale of menthol cigarettes, the bill raises questions under U.S. international trade obligations. The government of Indonesia has repeatedly objected to the bill on the ground that this disparate treatment is unjustified and incompatible with WTO trade rules. Accordingly, I would recommend that the Committee further review the relevant language in this light to ensure the bill is consistent with U.S. trade obligations.

Mr. Speaker, Congress is increasingly—and rightly—calling on our United States Trade Representative and the Administration to more strenuously enforce the WTO and other trade agreements to ensure that our trade partners are playing by the rules and not discriminating against our products and services. I think that it is only right that we abide by the same standards that we expect of our trade partners when the question is as clear as this situation. It would have been my hope that the minor changes needed to correct this avoidable trade complication in the bill could have been made before the legislation was brought to the floor for consideration, but that was not the case. Section 907 affects a de facto ban on the importation of clove cigarettes from Indo-

nesia. It is another troublesome example of serious flaws overlooked by Mr. WAXMAN in his bill.

EMBASSY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA,  
Washington, DC, July 25, 2008.

Hon. HENRY A. WAXMAN,  
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 1102 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN WAXMAN: I extend my personal best wishes for your continued service in the United States House of Representatives and particularly as the Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. My government has been communicating with appropriate members of the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch since 2004 regarding our opposition to a proposed prohibition on the sale of clove cigarettes in the United States. This prohibition has most recently been included as part of H.R. 1108—the “Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act”—which was reported out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee just this month on July 17th.

In this regard, I am enclosing a letter that the Minister of Trade in Indonesia, Mari Elka Pangestu, gave to U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab on this issue when they met at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Sydney, Australia last September. I also want to bring your attention to the recent letter U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael O. Leavitt sent Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Joe Barton in response to the Congressman's inquiries about H.R. 1108.

Secretary Leavitt raised the following reservation about H.R. 1108 regarding Indonesia's grave trade concerns on the clove cigarette issue:

There is a further issue regarding the bill that I would like to bring to your attention. Our trading partners believe that by banning the sale of clove cigarettes but not prohibiting the sale of menthol cigarettes, the bill raises questions under U.S. international trade obligations. The government of Indonesia has repeatedly objected to the bill on the ground that this disparate treatment is unjustified and incompatible with WTO trade rules. Accordingly, I would recommend that the Committee further review the relevant language in this light to ensure the bill is consistent with U.S. trade obligations.

As you may know, the U.S. does not produce traditional clove cigarettes while Indonesia produces over 99% of the clove cigarettes imported into the U.S. This is why Minister Pangestu felt it necessary to personally express to Ambassador Schwab our government's great concern that the proposed prohibition on clove cigarettes in the U.S. would unjustifiably discriminate against Indonesia's cigarette exports to the U.S. in favor of competing, domestically produced U.S. cigarette products under World Trade Organization and other international trading standards.

We hope the attached letter from Minister Pangestu to Ambassador Schwab will help to more fully inform you as to the international trading standards and rules which serve as the basis for our objections to the proposed prohibition in H.R. 1108. In addition, we hope you will also consider Secretary Leavitt's concerns as a measure of the seriousness with which your own government views the potential trade problems in this regard. We respectfully ask that the bill be modified prior to final passage by the House so that clove and menthol cigarettes are treated equally under the legislation.

Sincerely yours,

SUDJADNAN PARNOHADININGRAT.

MINISTER OF TRADE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA,  
Jakarta, 28 Agustus 2007.

H.E. Ambassador SUSAN C. SCHWAB,  
U.S. Trade Representative  
Washington, DC.  
Re: The “Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act” (S. 625).

DEAR AMBASSADOR SCHWAB: It was a pleasure meeting with you a few months ago in Washington DC, in which I had enjoyed discussing with you about the increasingly strong relationship between our two countries in trade and investment sectors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the excellent arrangements made during my visit to Washington, DC.

I am writing to you to raise my Government's concern over an introduction of a draft legislation entitled the “Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act” (S. 625), which currently is being considered in the U.S. Congress. This draft Act contains a provision, which if enacted as currently drafted, will unjustifiably discriminate against Indonesia's cigarette exports in favor of competing, domestically produced U.S. cigarette products. We understand that Senator Kennedy, who has been supportive of addressing our concerns with appropriate legislative language, has written to you about this matter.

Specifically, the “special rule for cigarettes” in section 907 of the legislation states that, beginning 3 months after the date of enactment:

(a) In General—

(1) SPECIAL RULE FOR CIGARETTES—A cigarette or any of its component parts (including the tobacco, filter, or paper) shall not contain, as a constituent (including a smoke constituent) or additive, an artificial or natural flavor (other than tobacco or menthol) or an herb or spice, including strawberry, grape, orange, clove, cinnamon, pineapple, vanilla, coconut, licorice, cocoa, chocolate, cherry, or coffee, that is a characterizing flavor of the tobacco product or tobacco smoke.

The United States does not produce clove cigarettes at all. Indonesia produces cigarettes containing cloves and over 99% of the clove cigarettes imported into the United States come from Indonesia. That entire volume of imports would be prohibited under section 907 of the proposed bill.

In direct contrast, cigarettes containing menthol sold in the U.S. are almost exclusively produced in the United States as imports of menthol cigarettes are negligible. However, menthol cigarettes are explicitly excluded from the prohibition in section 907.

The fact that Section 907 would prohibit the importation and sale of clove cigarettes from Indonesia while arbitrarily permitting domestic production and sale of menthol cigarettes reuses serious concerns about the consistency of this proposed provision with the United States' obligation under the agreements of the World Trade Organization. In particular, the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) obligates the United States to ensure that, in respect of its technical regulations, products imported from the territory of any WTO Member shall be accorded treatment no less favorable than that accorded to domestic like products and to like products originating in any other country. The Agreement also obligates the United States to ensure that its technical regulations are not more trade-restrictive than necessary, thereby creating unnecessary obstacles to international trade. In that regard, the TBT Agreement requires that the United States take account of scientific and technical information, as well as the special development and trade needs of developing country



Members, such as Indonesia. Similar obligations exist under the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

A stated purpose of the standards in the proposed U.S. legislation is to restrict advertising and promotional practices most likely to entice youth into tobacco use, while affording ample opportunity to market tobacco products to adults. Like menthol cigarettes (and unlike other flavored cigarettes), clove cigarettes are not targeted at youth smokers. Clove cigarettes are estimated to account for only 0.1% of the total number of cigarettes consumed in the United States and only approximately 0.8% of youth smokers have smoked clove cigarettes and that number of youths is declining based on recent studies. Menthol cigarettes, on the other hand, are estimated to account for approximately 26% of the cigarettes consumed in the United States and approximately 29.7% of youth smokers smoke menthol cigarettes. Moreover, there is no scientifically supportable evidence or risk assessment establishing specific human health risks associated with clove cigarettes that would justify banning those cigarettes while continuing to permit the sale of menthol cigarettes.

These facts are compelling. Imports of Indonesia's clove cigarettes are prohibited for no reason other than they contain a natural herbal additive, while U.S. cigarettes containing menthol—a processed herbal additive—are explicitly exempted from the prohibition. The Government of Indonesia firmly believes that such discriminatory treatment is inconsistent with the United States international obligations and, if enacted, will have a significant adverse effect on Indonesian trade.

The Government of Indonesia therefore respectfully asks that you carefully consider our concerns and, in the interest of our positive trade relationship, ensure that both the spirit and the requirements of the WTO agreements are observed. Further, absent elimination of the prohibition on imports of clove cigarettes, pursuant to Article 2.5 of the TBT Agreement and Article 5.8 of the SPS Agreement, we ask the United States to explain how that prohibition is justified.

As you are aware, Indonesia has expressed concern over the Bill at previous meetings of the Indonesia-U.S. Trade and Investment Council.

We trust that your government would understand the difficulties we are faced with, as well as the severity and the urgency of this matter to our people whose livelihood very much depends on the existence of the cigarettes industry. We would be very appreciative of your attention to this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further with you, at your convenience.

We look forward to an opportunity in building and strengthening the robust relationship between our two countries. Thank you.

Your sincerely,

MARI ELKA PANGESTU.

#### TEXAS' PORTABLE HOSPITALS

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, over the past several years, Southeast Texas has been the target during Hurricane Season. Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita hit in 2006

and the very recent Hurricane Ike in September 2008. Not to mention Hurricane Gustav, which did not cause a disaster in Texas, many believe it was just a trial run before Hurricane Ike. Hurricane Ike came along two weeks later on September 13, 2008.

These hurricanes have taught emergency management officials to be prepared in time of a disaster. Through their preparedness they are able to assist and help other individuals evacuate the city in a timely manner. The most recent development is the Portable Inflatable Hospital presented by the East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Trauma Advisory. With the help of the emergency management officials, numerous area hospitals and others, this incredible development was established. State and federal Grants help fund the hospital that cost around 1.5 million. This portable hospital is a great way for medical personnel to assist patients during a disaster and for the patients to get the quick response medical help they need. The medical assistance can range from distributing medications to on site emergency care. The facility can operate as one or three separate facilities. It is equipped with beds, living areas, and other units. This project has had a great response from individuals willing to donate, but still needs any help it can get from our local Southeast Texans. The medical personnel and emergency officials are very grateful for this newly facility. It will be located in Southeast Texas, but can be set up across the state. The hospital will cost five thousand dollars to operate daily plus an additional twelve thousand dollars to generate the portable hospital.

Emergency preparedness is very crucial in time of a disaster. With our great response teams in Southeast Texas the portable hospital will be ready in time of need. I would like to thank the individuals who spend endless hours preparing for Hurricane Season.

#### HONORING MR. JACOB TANENBAUM

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jacob Tanenbaum, an outstanding constituent and educator from the 17th Congressional District of New York, for his exemplary efforts in bringing real scientific research to the classroom.

Jacob Tanenbaum, an elementary school teacher at the South Orangetown schools in Rockland County, New York, was chosen by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Teacher at Sea Program to participate in a two-week research cruise in the North Atlantic this past fall to study Atlantic fisheries while aboard NOAA Ship HENRY B. BIGELOW.

Embarking from Newport, Rhode Island, Mr. Tanenbaum's research cruise followed a track off the United States' northeastern coast. Mr. Tanenbaum not only researched fisheries, but also wrote a daily blog, took photographs, interviewed scientists, and engaged in dialogue with his students, fellow teachers, and the general public. Mr. Tanenbaum became an integral part of the research team and ship's crew and established relationships that

will give him and his colleagues access to scientific resources for many years to come. With his at-sea experience, Mr. Tanenbaum has been able to enrich his curriculum and excite his students about science.

In one of his blogs, Mr. Tanenbaum wrote, "Through NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program, students are not just learning about exciting research projects at sea, they are witnesses to them, and on some level, participants in them. The Teacher at Sea program is about something far more important than test scores and text books. It is about inspiration and excitement. Inspiring learning and creating excitement about learning are not just simple hoped-for extras in an educational setting—they are the most essential parts of a culture of learning."

I congratulate Mr. Tanenbaum on his spirit of adventure in the name of education, his willingness to try new things, and his ability to bring this experience back into the classroom. NOAA's Teacher at Sea program has afforded Mr. Tanenbaum an unparalleled opportunity to provide his students with hands-on scientific education, grounded in his unique experience. The lessons he learned on the BIGELOW will stay with Mr. Tanenbaum for the rest of his teaching career, acting as a source from which he will always be able to draw inspiration and creativity.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFLICTED INVESTMENT ADVICE PROHIBITION ACT OF 2009

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Conflicted Investment Advice Prohibition Act of 2009, CIAPA, which would restore the Employee Retirement Income Security Act's, ERISA, prohibition on self-interested investment advisers providing advice to employer-sponsored retirement accounts; thereby, safeguarding the retirement savings of millions of hardworking Americans.

On the eve of the inauguration of President Barack Obama, the Bush administration attempted to finalize a regulation concerning the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, ERISA, that raised substantial questions of law and policy. Essentially, the final rule issued would have allowed conflicted financial advice to workers with regard to their 401(k) and other types of defined contribution plans. Fortunately, thanks to letters of opposition from Chairman MILLER and me, as well as several other Members of Congress, as well as consumer advocacy groups and several financial industry insiders who serve in the interest of investors, the Obama administration has delayed the effective date of the regulation for further examination of its intent.

I believe in the value of providing American workers with access to investment advice, so long as the advice is independent and free from conflict—serving in the interest of the worker, rather than the interest of the financial advisor. During a time where American workers have already lost \$2 trillion in assets due to last year's market downturn, exposing their hard-earned retirement savings to greater risk by allowing advisers to offer them conflicted



advice is irresponsible and imprudent. During consideration of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, many of my colleagues were well intended with respect to ensuring that if workers were to receive investment advice with respect to their retirement savings, it would be independent. Despite their good intentions, the process of the bill's consideration created a statutory loophole; at the end of the regulatory process, conflicted advice could be offered to workers.

In lieu of exposing workers to conflicted investment advice, CIAPA would permit independent investment advisers to provide advice to workers regarding their retirement goals. Furthermore, it would maintain the allowance of the computer model arrangement so long as an independent expert or agency certifies the model.

I strongly encourage my colleagues to cosponsor and support the Conflicted Investment Advice Prohibition Act of 2009.

#### RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING PARENT SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions of Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) in Northern Virginia. These associations serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students.

Schools located throughout Northern Virginia are consistently recognized as being among the very best in our country. I strongly believe one factor in the excellent education received by our students is the high level of involvement and encouragement provided by parents through PTAs and PTSAs. Parent volunteers exist in a number of capacities within each school ranging from providing planning and implementation help for social events to helping ensure that teachers have the classroom resources they need to succeed.

The Northern Virginia District PTA represents a region with more than 220 schools. Maintaining a healthy and strong organization is an important part of allowing these groups to have the greatest possible impact on the students they serve. To encourage such strength, it is important to note the individual PTAs that excel in this mission.

I am pleased to present the following recognitions for 2008–2009 school year:

PTA Schools of Excellence designations have been awarded to the Lake Anne Elementary School PTA and Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA.

The PTAs at Mantua Elementary School and Oakton Elementary School were acknowledged by the National Parent Teacher Association for their outstanding participation in Take Your Family to School Week.

Eight schools have achieved a PTA membership level exceeding one member per student attending the school. Those associations are Chesterbrook Elementary PTA, Falls Church Elementary PTA, Flint Hill Elementary PTA, Haycock Elementary PTA, Langley High School PTSA, Nottingham Elementary PTA,

Waynewood Elementary PTA, and Wolftrap Elementary PTA. All members involved should recognize that these remarkably high levels of parental involvement suggest a strong commitment to ensure a quality public education within our school systems.

The growth and expansion of PTAs is an important part of sustaining the impact of the associations. The Virginia PTA provided a charter for the Quander Road School PTSA in Alexandria. Kelly Greenwood, who serves as President of Quander Road School PTSA, and the school's principal, William Files, should be commended for their efforts to engage parents to participate in this association's founding.

Of particular note are the contributions of three individuals to their respective schools' PTAs: Kristen Arseneau, of Terra Centre Elementary School PTA, was awarded the District Outstanding Achievement Award;

Sue Bernstein, of Hollin Meadows Elementary PTA, has been named District Volunteer of the Year for Primary Schools;

Robin Harris, of George C. Marshall High School PTSA, was named District Volunteer of the Year for Secondary Schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the outstanding achievements of these individuals and the organizations with which they work. Dedicated involvement from so many parents reflects a strong commitment to public education and community service that students in our schools are fortunate to experience. I offer my strong support for these organizations and their dedicated volunteers.

#### REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE BILL ORTON

#### HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember our friend and former colleague William "Bill" Orton, who served with distinction in this chamber from 1991 to 1997. I had the great honor of serving alongside Bill and working closely with him in the early days of the Blue Dog Coalition.

During his time in this body and—before that, working in the executive branch—Bill proved himself to be thoughtful and honorable, and those of us who had the pleasure to serve with him know that he entered public service for the right reasons. He cared deeply about the future of this country and understood the importance of ensuring fiscal sustainability for the generations of Americans who come after us.

Betty Ann and I, along with many others in Congress and across our country, were deeply saddened to learn of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill's wife Jacquelyn and their sons Will and Wesley during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, we appreciate you and our colleagues joining us to remember Bill's service to our nation and offer our condolences to his family and to all Utahns.

#### U.S. NAVY SEALS

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand in this hall that is a symbol for the world of our country's freedom. Americans have fought and paid the ultimate price for this nation and the freedoms we value so deeply.

That is why it is such an honor for me to stand before you today Madam Speaker, because today I am standing to say thank you and to cheer from the gallery for the world to hear—All hail the men and women of the United States Navy and all hail the brave men of the Navy SEALs.

For all the flags we fly and yellow ribbons we tie, for all the times we stand in support of the job carried out by our service men and women. Rarely does a moment come when we as a nation get a chance to thank these individuals whose duty and job it is to go far beyond the limits and demands of a normal soldier.

Rare is the chance this nation gets to see and understand exactly how good these men are at their job, till now.

On Wednesday April 8th a crew of pirates took hostage an unarmed American merchant ship. Captured was Captain Richard Phillips and for 5 days this Sea Captain was held at gun point on a small boat drifting at sea.

On Easter Sunday after many days of unrest, a team of Navy SEALs were sent in to rescue Captain Phillips. It only took 3 shots from sniper rifles and a matter of minutes for the SEALs to disable all the 3 pirates on the ship and free Captain Phillips.

These brave Navy SEALs take the responsibility to continuously put themselves in the thick of the most dangerous situations the world presents. These SEALs risk their lives to protect Americans and they do it not for their gain and not for glory. They do it out of love for a country and fellow Americans.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy stood before this nation and talked about the ever changing world that we lived in, how war itself was changing and in order for this country to continue to thrive and protect its own interests this country needed to establish a small, elite military force that could conduct covert missions and battle unconventional warfare. To that end the United States created one of the most highly trained and skilled unit in our armed forces, the Navy SEALs.

A SEAL spends two years training in the harshest conditions simply for the right to do this job. A SEAL's life is one of just being a step ahead of death. These brave men begin a mission and all too often only their failures are ever known.

An opportunity for this nation to stop and thank these SEALs for all that they have done does not come around that often and I for one am glad that today I get this chance.

We need more people like these SEALs in this country, people who are willing to put this nation first and their petty differences aside for the greater good.

We need more people in this country who are willing to stand for all that is right and honorable in this world and be willing to defend those that are weak, held down or scared to fight for themselves.

We need to stop expecting someone else to do the tough jobs for us and start doing them ourselves.

These SEALs are heroes, plain and simple and the debt we owe them, I fear we will never truly be able to repay them. God bless these SEALs, God Bless the men and women who protect this nation each and every day and God Bless America.

And that is just the way it is.

#### IN MEMORY OF RICHARD ROGGE

#### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Richard Rogge, a G-man's G-man, an FBI supervisor on the John F. Kennedy assassination, a man of integrity who stood up to years of accusations from conspiracy theorists, and longtime friend to my wife, Janice, and me.

Richard, who died last week at age 82, worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 30 years. He was serving in the Criminal Division at FBI headquarters on November 25, 1963, when FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover summoned him and told him to fly to Dallas to supervise the investigation into President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

For the next 10 months, Richard and his fellow G-men worked 16-hour days following every lead and theory and disproving many that later became fodder for the conspiracists. After an exhaustive investigation, Richard and his team determined that a lone gunman seeking personal fame fired the shots that felled a president. He never wavered from that conviction.

Richard returned to Washington, DC, and later served as assistant special agent in charge in Los Angeles, an inspector in Washington, DC, and special agent in charge in Honolulu, Hawaii, Richmond, Virginia, and Buffalo, New York.

Richard and his family moved to Southern California upon his retirement from the FBI in 1977.

Prior to joining the FBI, Richard joined the Marine Corps. He was 17 at the time and served in World War II's Pacific Theater. Among the battles he fought was the invasion of Iwo Jima.

He was attending New York University studying law when he joined the FBI. Studying at night, he switched majors and graduated college with a degree in business.

Madam Speaker, Richard Rogge was an FBI agent at a time when only shoe leather, brain power, grit and determination solved crimes, before the investigative techniques and technology we now take for granted were developed. He was a man of integrity and passion and served his country with honor. Barbara, his wife of 47 years, died in 1995, but I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to their children, Veronica, Richard Jr., Christopher and Meredith, to their family, and to all who called Richard a friend.

Godspeed, Richard.

#### CONGRATULATING MILDRED "MIDGE" SLATER

#### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend Mildred "Midge" Slater on her recent retirement as a Representative for the Communications Workers of America (CWA). Midge has spent the last 30 plus years in the social justice and labor movements. After spending time in the Pittsburgh and upstate New York areas, Midge settled in Iowa and forged a commitment to fighting for civil rights, women's rights and worker's rights.

Midge became active in the CWA, serving in many capacities including Chief Steward, Vice President and President. She went on to serve many years as a CWA International Representative fostering and mentoring many into the fight for social and economic justice while forming strong bonds with those she came to know.

I'm happy to report that despite being retired she still remains active in CWA as she continues to go to the Iowa Capital advocating for others. She has also taken on the task of organizing other retirees to continue to advocate for others.

Midge continues to be active on her church board and serves on many other boards across the state, including the Iowa Federation of Labor, the AFL-CIO and the Iowa Citizens Action Network. I congratulate her on all of her success and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

#### STATE AND LOCAL PREDATORY TOWING ENFORCEMENT ACT

#### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, since the mid-1990's the authority to regulate the towing industry had been in limbo. Through a provision slipped into the Federal Aviation Administration Act of 1994 that defined the tow truck industry as an interstate carrier, state and local regulatory authority of tow truck operations has been preempted. One year later, passage of the Interstate Commerce Termination Act struck down the federal regulatory body that oversaw the towing industry.

With no federal regulator and confusing restrictions and conflicting court rulings on what states and localities are permitted to regulate, no level of government has been able to adequately regulate the towing industry. This lack of regulatory authority has led to more than a decade of major consumer abuses by some unscrupulous towing companies across the country. These bad actors have continued to taint an otherwise much needed and respectable profession.

Complaints about exorbitant towing fees and abusive operators grew so bad that in 2005, Congress agreed, through an amendment to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—a Legacy of Users

(SAFETEA-LU), to allow some limited state regulation in the area on non-consensual towing. The amendment also directed the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study to identify additional means to protect the rights of individuals whose vehicles are towed.

That study offers some recommendations that track with conclusions I made several years ago, that consumers and tow truck operators would be better served by removing the last vestiges of federal preemption. It notes that consumers needing redress for overcharges today or other unfair treatment would no longer be in the Catch-22 position of having their State case thrown out on preemption grounds only to find that they may have no real recourse at the Federal level either. Since business practices vary from place to place, it may also be more practical to have non-consensual towing regulated by the States rather than by the Federal Government.

States are the more logical place to regulate towing. They already have an established body of law in place to do so. This legislation I am introducing today will bring those laws back into effect.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MICHAEL STERN

#### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of philanthropist Michael Stern and to pay tribute to his life of helping others and supporting our military families.

Michael Stern began his career as a journalist, writing for newspapers and magazines before joining the U.S. Army in 1943 as a war correspondent. He traveled with American forces through Sicily and southern Italy; entering Rome a day before the Allies took control in June of 1944. He remained in Italy for the next 50 years, continuing to write articles, publishing a book, and producing several Italian-made films.

Through his friendship with developer Zachary Fisher, the two men started the Intrepid Museum Foundation in 1978. The USS Intrepid (CVS-11), a World War II aircraft carrier in the Pacific Theater, was decommissioned in 1974 and planned to be scrapped. Stern and Fisher led a fundraising campaign to save the carrier, and in 1982 the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum opened to the public. It became a National Historic Landmark four years later.

In the early 1990s, the men established the Fisher House program to provide our service members and their families with temporary lodging at military bases and VA medical facilities all across the United States. This unique private-public partnership enables families to stay together while undergoing long-term medical treatment from injury or illness. Over 10,000 military families are guests at a Fisher House every year, and their expenses are taken care of by the Foundation.

Stern and Fisher also created the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation at Rockefeller University, where Stern served as President and CEO of the Board of Trustees. Since 1995, the Foundation has been on

the cutting-edge of Alzheimer's treatment and research. Shortly after Mr. Fisher's death in 2001, Stern created the Michael Stern Parkinson's Research Foundation, which has provided over \$18 million for Parkinson's research.

Madam Speaker, I knew Michael Stern through his work with the Fisher House program and the Intrepid Museum. I've had the privilege of visiting Fisher Houses throughout our nation, and speaking with hundreds of our military families who are forever grateful because of their generosity and support.

At 98 years old, Michael Stern lived a full and envious life. My thoughts and prayers are with his children, Margaret and Michael Jr., who are truly blessed by knowing that their father dedicated his entire life to helping others, and inspiring us all with his story.

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Holocaust Remembrance Day in Israel and the many sacrifices of the Jewish community. It has been sixty-four years since the Allies forced an end to the atrocities of World War II and the genocide of two-thirds of the 9 million European Jewish men, women and children.

Over the centuries, the Jewish people have persevered through hardships and seemingly insurmountable persecutions. In spite of these hardships, they have triumphed and today have a stable democracy in an important and volatile region. Still, they are surrounded by often hostile neighbors, some of whom have vowed to seek Israel's destruction and deny their very right to exist. Israel is a beacon of hope to Jews and freedom-loving people around the world.

Peace can never be achieved by asking Israel to risk its security. It is vital to our national interests to support Israel and work for peaceful relations in the region.

While a lasting peace has been elusive for Israel, one thing is certain—it will only come when every country in the region feels secure and safe from outside threats. I am proud, and America must be proud, to call Israel an ally and friend.

On this day of remembrance in Israel, I stand to ask every Member of this body to take a moment to reflect on the tragedy of genocide—and in particular the suffering of our Jewish allies.

## HONORING JAMES M. HENRY

### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor James "Jim" M. Henry of Kingston, Tennessee. The citizens of Roane County have chosen Jim for its Lifetime Achievement Award because of his demonstrated commitment to the county as a former City Councilman, Mayor and member of the State Legisla-

ture in addition to his dedication to children and adults with special needs.

Jim was born on February 22, 1945, in Jefferson City, Tennessee, to Scobey and Lorene Henry. He and his wife Pat were married in December 1988 and have three children, John, Jimmy Jr., and Liesa. Jim is quick to credit his wife Pat as the driving force in his life and the real secret to his continued success.

In 1971 at the age of 26, Jim was elected city councilman in Kingston, Tennessee, and served in that capacity until 1973 when he was elected Mayor of Kingston, an office which he held until 1978. He was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives from the 32d Legislative District in 1978 where he served until 1990. In his first term, he served as the chairman of the Republican caucus (1978–1980), and he was elected as the House Minority Leader in 1980, a position he held until 1986. While in the Legislature, Jim Henry also served as the Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party from 1984 to 1988.

Jim was an early advocate and supporter of the Michael Dunn Center, a school and center in Roane County for special needs children. Jim Henry is currently the President and CEO of Omni Visions, Inc., a business that provides services to developmentally disabled and troubled children and adults. Omni Visions currently supports more than 1,000 children and adults in four states including Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia.

Jim Henry is a man of integrity, loyalty and outstanding leadership who has truly distinguished himself through his commitment and service. The citizens of Roane County are very fortunate to have a man of his caliber as a pillar of the community. So today I honor my friend, Jim Henry for this award.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Holocaust Memorial Day program, which commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of April 19, 1943 and Yom HaShoah, a day of remembrance for the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust. The event, which will be held in my Congressional District, specifically honors six survivors: Jeannette Adler of Glen Rock, Gunther Apfel of Elmwood Park, Ray Fischler of Wayne, Marion Coti of Bergenfield, and Joseph Grabczk and Leoni Salomon of Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

## MICROFINANCE CAPACITY BUILDING ACT OF 2009

### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today my colleague Mr. MEEKS and I are introducing the

Microfinance Capacity Building Act of 2009. This bi-partisan effort aims to build the human capacity of microfinance networks working to empower the poor in developing countries across the globe.

Microcredit—the provision of small, collateral-free loans to the poor in developing nations enable poor families to increase their income and have an immediate and lasting impact on quality of life—the ability to afford food, shelter, education and healthcare. As business income increases, the business is able to expand, and the effect spreads beyond the family into the local community, through employment and contribution to the local economy. Thus, the benefits of microfinance help grow not just businesses, but stronger communities as well.

It is widely recognized that the lack of human capital is the greatest constraint to the growth of practitioner organizations in the microfinance industry. According to some industry estimates, in order to meet the anticipated demand for microfinance, the industry will have to hire 1.6 million new loan officers alone in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Near East, assuming a loan officer to client ratio of 1:300. And that figure does not include the skilled middle and senior managers that microfinance organizations are struggling to find and retain.

The microfinance capacity-building activities supported by this legislation are intended to drive innovation and provide comprehensive solutions that address the lack of human capacity in developing countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. These activities will provide a framework for a regional and sub-regional approach to maximizing economies of scale and should focus predominately on educating and training country nationals in order to build capacity in the microfinance industry in developing countries.

Through its strategic investment in building microfinance human capacity, this bill would make it possible for more of the world's poor to access financial services to enable them to start or expand a business, develop a steady income and create jobs for their neighbors.

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN SPOOR BROOME

### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of John Spoor "Jack" Broome, a member of one of Ventura County, California's pioneer families; a successful rancher; a generous philanthropist; an adventurer; and a friend to my wife, Janice, and me.

Jack Broome lived 91 productive and enjoyable years before suffering several strokes this year and passing away earlier this month at the Oxnard Plain ranch he loved and managed since 1946.

As a rancher, Jack's feet were firmly on the ground—but that did not keep him from flying solo for the first time at age 17, serving as a pilot trainer and pilot for the Army Air Force's Air Transport Command over the North Atlantic during World War II, flying for American Airlines, flying a solo round-trip flight across the Atlantic at age 68 and continuing to pilot until just recently.

Nor did it keep him from competing in the Trans-Pacific Yacht Race from Los Angeles to Honolulu three times.

But it's on Ventura County's land that Jack's impact will be felt for generations to come. Rancho Guadalupe, the Mexican land grant Jack's family purchased in 1880, sits adjacent to what is now California State University, Channel Islands. A private man, Jack tried to make a \$5 million anonymous donation to establish a library at the university in 1999—one of the largest in Ventura County history. He was persuaded to go public only after trustees argued that his donation would spur others. It did. The university named the library after him.

Jack also was an original initiator and supporter of Casa Pacifica, a home for neglected, abused and emotionally disturbed children; founder of the Conejo Savings and Loan Association; chairman of the Ventura County Harbor Commission; chairman of the Camarillo State Hospital Board of Trustees (where the university is now sited); and member of the boards for Pepperdine University and the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles, among others.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to Patricia, his wife of more than 60 years; to their children, John Jr., Elizabeth and Ann; their eight grandchildren, and all who knew him, called him a friend and benefited from his spirit and generosity.

Godspeed, Jack.

#### BIPARTISAN IRAN DIPLOMATIC ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, the U.N. Security Council has voted five times highlighting the violations of Iran, a party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, for its uranium enrichment activities.

According to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as of January 31, 2009, Iran has produced more than 1,000 kilograms of low-enriched uranium hexafluoride, which is 30 percent higher than previous IAEA estimates.

If we are serious about stopping the emergence of a nuclear Iran, our window for effective diplomacy is starting to close.

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is a strong proponent of "enhanced diplomacy." History teaches that negotiations in the absence of effective sanctions are likely to fail. Negotiations following effective sanctions are likely to succeed.

When it comes to Iran, we already know the most effective sanction: a gasoline restriction.

A close look at Iran's economy reveals a significant weakness. This top OPEC nation lacks the required refining capacity to meet domestic demand for fuel and must import some 40 percent of its gasoline.

That's right: Iran depends on foreign gasoline.

Nearly all of Iran's imported gasoline is provided by just five European companies—the Swiss firm Vitol, the Swiss/Dutch firm Trafigura, the French firm Total, the Swiss firm Glencore, and British Petroleum. The majority

of tankers carrying gasoline to Iran are insured by Lloyds of London. An interruption in the supply of gasoline to Iran would considerably impact the Iranian economy and significantly bolster diplomatic initiatives.

Just last year, then-Senator Obama suggested "banning the export of refined petroleum to Iran," and said such a restriction "starts changing their cost benefit analysis" and "starts putting the squeeze on them."

That is why I am joining with Congressman BRAD SHERMAN in introducing the bipartisan Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act of 2009, which would extend current sanctions to any activity—including production, brokerage, insurance, and tanker delivery services—that contributes to Iran's ability to import gasoline or refine petroleum domestically.

Only from a position of strength can we expect diplomacy to succeed. A restriction of gasoline deliveries to Iran offers the best chance to stop Iran's uranium enrichment program using the soft power of the United States and our allies.

#### CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, April 19th, over 10,000 people gathered in Skokie, Illinois, joining special guests President Bill Clinton, Elie Wiesel, and Governor Pat Quinn to celebrate the grand opening of the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. President Obama personally offered his congratulations on a recorded video. I had the great opportunity to participate in the opening of this beautiful new museum, which will share the history of the Holocaust and teach the importance of combating hatred, indifference, and genocide to current and future generations across the Midwest.

Skokie, located in my district, is a community that knows the importance of preserving memories and teaching history. In the wake of World War II, the community offered an attractive haven to Jewish families, including Holocaust survivors searching for a new life in America. Between 1945 and 1955, an estimated 3,000 Jewish families came to Skokie, building a vibrant Jewish community.

Children who grew up in Skokie during this time recall daily life carrying an underpinning of trauma. They share stories of parents unable to sleep, panicking when their children returned home late, and refusing to take showers. However, while they describe seeing tattooed numbers on arms as commonplace, the Holocaust wasn't something survivors wanted to talk about. Many Skokie Jews remember not knowing which of their friends had survived gas chambers.

That changed in the mid-1970s. In 1976, neo-Nazi Frank Collin threatened to march in the town, distributing fliers proclaiming "we are coming" and telling the Chicago Sun-Times, "I hope they're terrified." Survivors, who had worked for decades to rebuild a sense of personal security, suddenly found themselves threatened once again.

The people of Skokie, led by the survivor community, fought back against Collin. The case ultimately went to court and, after uproar from around the world, the march was held elsewhere.

In the wake of those events, Chicago-area survivors founded the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, a group dedicated to fighting hatred through education. The group has educated school and community groups since 1981, and the first museum was opened in 1985. In large part due to the organization and advocacy of the survivor community, in 1990 Illinois became the first state where Holocaust education is mandatory.

Today, there are an estimated 7,000 Holocaust survivors still living in the Chicago area, and as many as 1,000–2,000 of them currently live in Skokie. Most are now in their 70s, 80s, or 90s. Like the town of Skokie itself, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center would not have been possible without their active involvement and input. Its permanent exhibits show hundreds of artifacts, many which have been collected in recent years from local residents. The museum will also present thousands of video interviews with survivors, conducted and donated by Steven Spielberg and his Shoah Foundation.

Madam Speaker, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center may be one of the last Holocaust museums to be built in collaboration with survivors. The new 65,000-square foot museum will have the capacity to serve over 250,000 annual visitors, and will teach countless people, young and old, the importance of actively fighting hatred and prejudice. In a world where genocide continues, despite decades of pledging "never again," these are priceless lessons.

#### SCRAP IRON

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is that time of year again; backyards and ballparks are back in swing. I remember when it only cost a few bucks to go to a ball game. Recent news reports show that it costs nearly \$200 for a family of four to go to a major league baseball game these days—that is if you want to park your car, eat a hot dog, drink a Coke and maybe buy your kids a baseball cap.

I remember going to the Houston Buff's games over on the Gulf Freeway, where Finger's is now, and to Colt Stadium to watch the Colt 45s. When the wind blew, the wooden bleachers at Colt Stadium would sway. It was a big deal back then to go to a game. Most of the time, we listened to the broadcast on a transistor radio. (Are there any of those left?) Okay, now I am sounding really old, but there's still nothing better than listening to a game on the radio.

I will never forget the first game in the Eighth Wonder of the World—the Astrodome. I was there, as a high school student, on April 9, 1965, to see the Astros beat the Yankees, 2–1 in 12 innings. Governor John Connally threw out the first pitch and President Lyndon B. Johnson and First Lady Lady Bird joined Astros President Roy Hotheinz in his suite.

There were so many flashes going off it was blinding. It was a marvel to the world, the ushering in of indoor baseball.

I've got to say, there was nothing else like the Dome. I remember the players would stand in centerfield and hit balls straight up to see if they could hit the roof. And who could forget the gun slinging cowboy on the scoreboard? It was the best.

My kids remember going to the games, wearing Nolan Ryan's number 34, and cheering for players like Terry Puhl, Joe Niekro, Craig Reynolds, Alan Ashby, Billy Doran and yelling out Jose Cruni-u-u-u-u-z. Of course we have had many greats along the way, including Biggio, Bagwell and Berkman—the Killer B's. But one of my all-time favorite players happens to be none other than Kingwood's own, "Scrap-Iron" Phil Garner. You may not have known it, but we have been living amongst a legend right here in our own backyard.

Phil Garner was known for his hard-nosed style of baseball. His defense as an infielder, playing both second and third base in his career, earned him the nickname "Scrap-Iron." He was known for breaking up double plays, diving for balls, and always playing tough. He left it all on the field every play, every game. He didn't start his career in Texas, but like I say about all great transplants—he got here as fast as he could. And lucky for us he did.

As a two-time All-American for the Tennessee Volunteers, he was drafted by Oakland in 1971. Ten years, three All-Star appearances and a .500 average in a World Series victory with the Pirates later, he landed in Houston. After hanging up his cleats, he hired on as an assistant coach under then Astros Manager Art Howe. He went on to later become manager for the Detroit Tigers and Milwaukee Brewers before coming back to Houston. And like I said, lucky for us he did.

As Skipper for the Astros, Garner led the team to greater success than any other manager in franchise history. Among the many successes the team had under his leadership, nothing was greater than the team's first and only World Series appearance. Even though I lost the bet with a Chicago Congressman and had to send them some real Texas barbecue from the "Tin Roof" Bar-B-Q when the White Sox beat the Astros, I went down swinging with "Scrap Iron."

I have known Phil and his family for many years. His example and character has had a tremendous impact on my son, Kurt, as well as many other young people that have had the pleasure of knowing him. The Astros, and the entire city of Houston, are lucky to call him one of our own.

The great thing about baseball is everyone can enjoy the game. You don't have to be the biggest or the fastest to play. And if you don't want to take out a loan to go to a major league game, there's still plenty of ball to be seen. You will be hard pressed not to find a little league, high school or college game just about any day of the week and I can assure you our local talent won't disappoint and won't break the bank.

I can't wait to start baseball all over again—this time as a grandfather and take my grandsons and granddaughters to the "National Pastime." I wish all the area youth leagues, high schools, colleges and of course, the 'Stros the best of luck this season. Now, let's play ball!

And that's just the way it is.

# AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF A CAP AND TRADE PROGRAM

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring attention to a letter sent by John M. Reilly, of the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change, to Minority Leader JOHN BOEHNER. During the debate on the FY10 Budget Resolution, the cost of a cap and trade program became a major point of contention. Mr. Reilly, in this letter, clearly explains the methodology used by MIT to determine the approximate cost to an average family of a cap and trade proposal. As the letter makes evident, the actual cost to the average American family will likely be far less than estimated by our friends on the other side of aisle.

JOINT PROGRAM ON THE SCIENCE AND POLICY OF GLOBAL CHANGE, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

*Cambridge, MA, April 1, 2009.*

Representative JOHN BOEHNER (R-OH),  
*Office of the House Republican Leader, Washington, DC.*

It has come to my attention that an analysis we conducted examining proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Report No. 146, Assessment of U.S. Cap-and-Trade Proposals, has been misrepresented in recent press releases distributed by the National Republican Congressional Committee. The press release claims our report estimates an average cost per family of a carbon cap and trade program that would meet targets now being discussed in Congress to be over \$3,000, but that is nearly 10 times the correct estimate which is approximately \$340. Since the issue of legislation to control greenhouse gases is now under consideration, I wanted to take an opportunity to clear up any misunderstanding created by this press release and to avoid further confusion.

Why is this amount so different? As far as I can tell the \$3,000+ is based on the potential auction revenue the government could collect by auctioning the allowances over the period through 2050 where a simple average over all years from 2015 to 2050 was computed. The tax revenue collected through such an auction, the costs of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and the average impact on a household are very different concepts. Thus, there are several things wrong with this calculation. First, the auction revenue is determined by the CO<sub>2</sub> price and how many allowances are issued—allowances tell us how many tons of CO<sub>2</sub> (or more broadly greenhouse gases) will continue to be emitted. The cost of reducing emissions depends on how much emissions are reduced not on how much continues to be emitted. Second, the CO<sub>2</sub> price reflects the cost of the last ton of emissions reduced but there are many options that cost much less than avoiding the last ton and so using the CO<sub>2</sub> price multiplied by the number of tons (either reduced or emitted) is also wrong. Third, the average cost to a household depends on how allowances or the allowance revenues are distributed. Fourth, the costs are borne over time and it is wrong to produce a simple average of such costs as that does not take account of the time value of money.

We assumed in the analysis we did that the revenue is returned to households. From data in the report we can calculate the economic cost in each year (percentage loss times the base welfare level in each year), and divide this by the U.S. population, and then multiply this amount by four to estimate the cost for a representative family of four. We further apply an economic discount rate of 4 percent to get the Net Present Value (NPV) cost in each year in the future. Doing this we find that the NPV cost per family of four starts at about \$75 in 2015, rises to nearly \$510 by 2025, and then falls to \$205 by 2050. We can calculate the average annual NPV cost per family by summing over all years and dividing by the number of years, and this shows the average annual net present value cost to be about \$340—only a part of which would be actual energy bill increases. This \$340 includes the direct effects of higher energy prices, the cost of measures to reduce energy use such as adding insulation to homes, the higher price of goods that are produced using energy, and impacts on wages and returns on capital. The cost per household will vary from our hypothetical average family of four depending on the household's circumstances. Those households with large heating and cooling bills because of the climate in which they live or who drive more than average will face higher costs. Those with smaller homes who live in benign climates will have lower costs. The higher energy prices encourage reductions in energy use by increasing the payback on improvements in energy efficiency, and through such investments households can avoid paying more for energy. Jobs and wages in fossil fuel industries are likely to decline but job opportunities will increase in industries that produce alternative energy sources or that provide ways to save energy.

While the \$340 average annual cost we estimate for a family is just one tenth of the \$3000+ cited in the misleading press release, Congress should address the costs of this transition for middle and lower income families while developing Cap-and-Trade legislation. In another paper (Report 160, Analysis of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Tax Proposals) we make some calculations on the burdens of a GHG tax on families at different income levels. Our Report 160 shows that the costs on lower and middle income households can be completely offset by returning allowance revenue to these households.

Climate change poses severe risks for the U.S. and the world. It will take efforts in the U.S. and abroad to reduce emissions substantially to avoid the most serious risks of climate change. One of the perplexing aspects of the problem is that the solution involves using cleaner energy sources that are more costly than conventional fossil fuels. And the higher energy prices needed to cover the higher costs will fall disproportionately on the poorer members of society in the U.S. and in the world. However, the less wealthy members of our economy also stand to suffer most from climate change—whether it is through the risks of increased food prices if climate change disrupts crops, the lack of access to air conditioning under extreme heat, or vulnerability to other extreme weather and storm events such as hurricanes which may increase with climate change. Many of the proposals currently being considered by Congress and as proposed by the Administration have been designed to offset the energy cost impacts on middle and lower income households and so it is simplistic and misleading to only look at

the impact on energy prices of these proposals as a measure of their impact on the average household. Concern about the cost impacts on middle and low income families needs to be focused on making sure allowance or tax revenue is used to offset cost impacts on these households rather than as an excuse for not proceeding with measures that would help avert dangerous climate change.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. REILLY.

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN JIM  
SAXTON'S CAREER

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HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, my predecessor, former Congressman Jim Saxton faithfully represented the 3rd Congressional District of New Jersey for 24 years. His lifelong dedication to public service and integrity made him one of the most respected Members of the House of Representatives.

As a senior member of the House Committee on Armed Services, Congressman Saxton was able to save 17,000 jobs and create 1,500 new ones by pushing through legislation to create the country's first Army-Air Force-Navy megabase by combining Fort Dix, McGuire AFB and Lakehurst Naval Air Station.

Congressman Saxton also left a lasting environmental legacy for New Jersey and for the United States. As a high ranking member of

the House Natural Resources Committee and co-founder of the bipartisan Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus, the Congressman was dedicated to preserving the county's natural treasures and safeguarding the environment for future generations.

Congressman Jim Saxton's career is a shining example of bipartisanship and public service. I am humbled to represent the district that elected such a worthy and honorable man for over two decades.

In honor of Congressman Saxton's service to the residents of New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District I have sponsored legislation, H.R. 986, which would name the post office in Mount Holly, New Jersey after him. I hope my colleagues will cosponsor this legislation to honor their former colleague.

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STOP MARKETING TOBACCO  
PRODUCTS TO KIDS

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HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, for far too long, there has been a lack of oversight and regulation of a product that causes more than 392,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Our constituents, I'd contend, would be shocked to know what little oversight actually exists over tobacco products—the fuel driving the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

Today I want to tell you about a new, despicable product being sold in 3 cities around

the country, including my hometown of Columbus, Ohio. Reynolds America is currently using my constituents in Columbus as guinea pigs and testing a smokeless tobacco product that looks like a mint. How is a child supposed to tell the difference between a mint that freshens your breath and one that gives you cancer?

According to an article in a suburban Columbus newspaper, many high school students are using smokeless tobacco during school hours. The American Lung Association has confirmed with school janitors that they are finding smokeless tobacco pouches in the trash—confirming that kids are using smokeless tobacco in class. These new forms of tobacco will only make it easier for children to get access to tobacco products and become lifelong addicts. They won't even have to dispose of the evidence.

What we need is for Congress to finally pass into law the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. This legislation would finally give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate deadly tobacco products. Among other items in this bill, the FDA would be granted authority to regulate these appalling new smokeless, dissolvable tobacco products that are now hitting the market in Columbus.

Chairman WAXMAN stated the other day that he intends to move this legislation “very, very soon.” I thank him for his leadership and urge this chamber to do just that so we can reduce the addiction, disease, and death caused by these products.